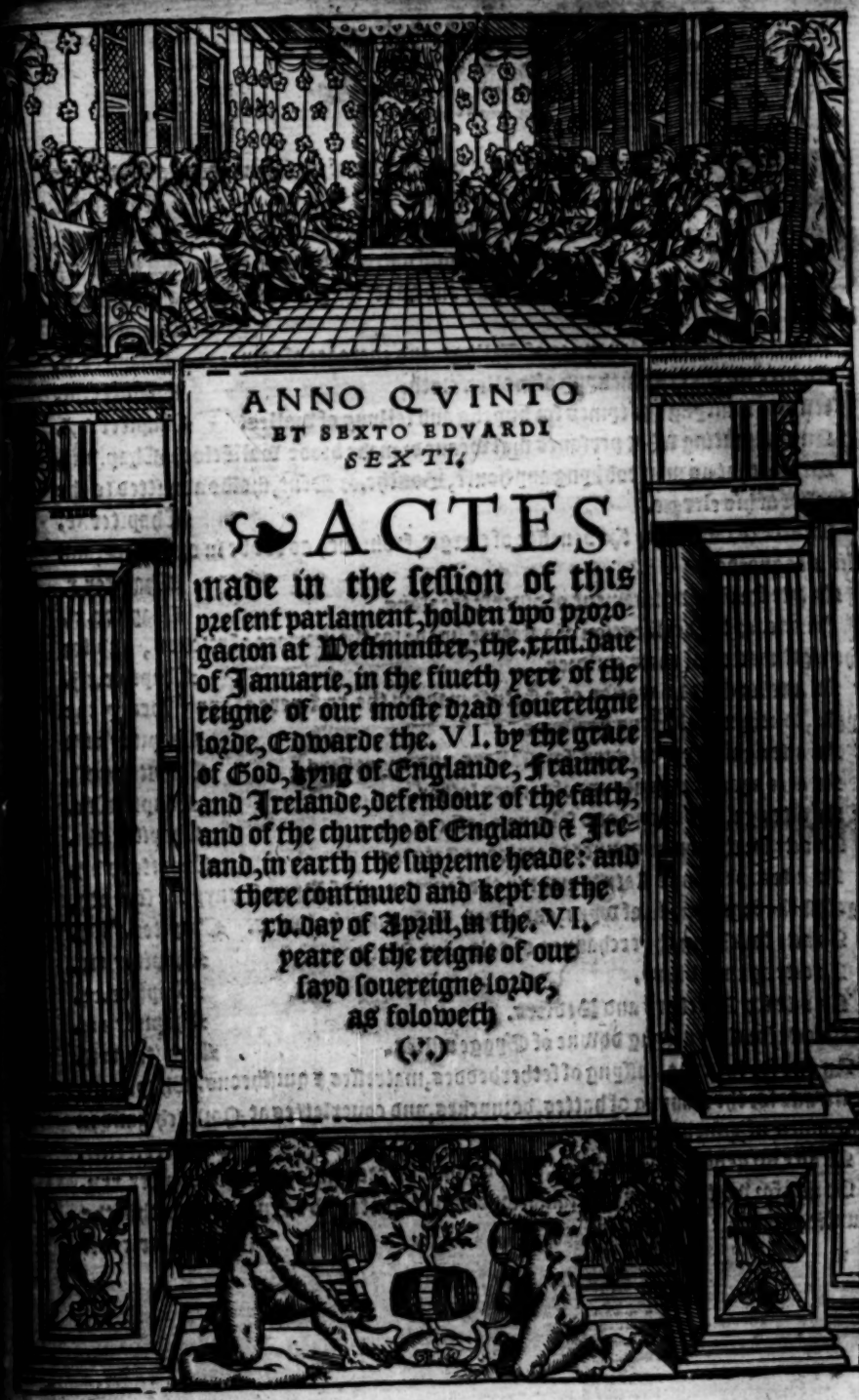

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¶ The first Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the vnifformitie of commune prayer, and administracion of the Sacramentes.

Where there hath bene a verie Godly order sette furthe, by authoritie of Parlament, for commune prayour, and administracion of the Sacramentes, to be vsed in the mother tongue, within this Churche of Englande, agreable to the worde of God, and the primatiue Churche, verie comfortable to al good people desiring to liue in christian conuersacio and moste profitable to the state of this Realme, vpō the which the mercie, fauoure, and blessyng of almyghtie God, is in no wyse so redily, and plenteously powred, as by common prayours, due vsyng of the Sacramentes, and often preachyng of the Gospell, with the deuocion of the hearers: And yet this notwithstandyng, a great nombre of people, in diuerse partes of this Realme folowyng their owne sensualitie, and liuing either without knowlege, or due feare of God, do wilfully and damnablie before almyghtie God, absteyne, and refuse to come to their parochie churches, and other places where commune prayour, administracion of the Sacramentes, and preachyng of the worde of God is vsed, vpon the Sondayes, and other daies ordeyned to be holy daies.

FOR reformacion hereof, be it enacted by the Kyng our soueregne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, and Cōmons, in this present parlament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that from, and after the feaste of all Sainctes next commyng, all and euery persone, and persones, enhabityng within this realme, or any other the kynges maiesties dominions, shal diligently, and faithfully, hauyng no lawful or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeuour themselues to resorte to their parochie churche, or chapell accustomed, or vpon reasonable let therof, to some vsuall place, where common prayer, and suche seruice of God shalbe vsed, in suche tyme of lette, vpon euery Sondaie, & other daies ordeined and vsed to be kepte, as holy daies, and then, and there to abyde, orderly & soberly, duryng the tyme of the common prayour, preachynges, or other seruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vpon payne of punishement, by the Censures of the Churche.

AND for the due execucion hereof, the kynges moste excellent ma-

ieſtie, the lozdes tempozall, and all the commons, in this pzeſent parla-
ment aſſembled, doth in Goddes name earneſtly require, and charge
all the Archebyſhoppes, Byſhoppes, and other ozdenaries, that they
ſhall endeuour them ſelues to the vttermoſte of their knowleges, that
the due and true execution hereof may be had, thzough out their dio-
ceſſes and charges, as they will aunſwere befoze God foz ſuche euil-
les and plagues, wherewith almyghtie God, may iuſtly puniſhe hys
people, foz neglectyng this good and wholſome lawe.

AND foz their aucthozitie in this behalfe, be it further likewiſe en-
acted by thaucthozitie aſozeſayd, that all, and ſinguler, theſame Arche
byſſhoppes, Byſhoppes, and all other their officers exercyſyng, eccleſi-
aſtical, iuriſdiction, aſwel in place exempte, as not exempte, within their
Dioceſſes, ſhall haue full power and aucthozitie by this acte, to refoz-
me, cozrecte, & puniſhe, by the Cenſures of the Churche, all & ſinguler
perſones, whiche ſhal offende within any their iuriſdictions, oz dioceſ-
ſes, after theſayd feaſte of al Sainctes, next coming, againſt this acte
and ſtatute, any other lawe, ſtatute, pzeuilege, libertie, oz pzouiſiõ, here
tofoze made, had, oz ſuffered, to the contrary, not withſtandyng.

AND becauſe there hath ariſen, in the vſe and exerciſe of the foꝛſaid
common ſeruice in the churche, heretofoze ſet furth, diuers doubtes foz
the faſhiõ and maner of the miniſtracion of theſame, rather by the cu-
rioſite of the miniſter, and miſtakers, then of any other wozthie cauſe:
Therefoze aſwell foz the moze playne and manifeſt explanacion hereof
as foz the moze perfection of the ſayd ozder of commõ ſeruice in ſome
places, where it is neceſſary to make theſame pzaier and faſhion of
ſeruice, moze earneſt and fitte, to ſtirre chziſtian people to the true ho-
nouryng of almyghty God: The kynges moſte excellẽt maieſtie, with
thaſſent of the lozdes and commõs, in this pzeſent parlamẽt aſſembled
and by the aucthozitie of the ſame, hath cauſed the foꝛſayde ozder of
commune ſeruice, entituled the booke of common pzaier, to be faithful-
ly and Godly peruſed, explaned and made fully perfect, and by the foꝛ-
ſayde aucthozitie, hath annexed and ioyned it, ſo explaned and perfec-
ted to this pzeſent ſtatute, adding alſo a foꝛme and maner of making
and conſecratyng of Archebyſhoppes, Biſhoppes, pzieſtes, and Dea-
cons, to be of lyke foꝛce, aucthozitie, and value, as theſame like foꝛſaid
booke entituled, the booke of common pzaier was befoze, and to be ac-
cepted, receyued, vſed, and eſteemed, in like foꝛte and maner, and with
theſame clauſes of pzouiſions and exceptions to al ententes, conſtruc-
tions, and purpoſes, as by the acte of parlamẽt made in the ſecõd yere
of the kynges maieſties reigne was ozdeined, limited, expreſſed and ap
pointed, foz the vnifoꝛmitie of ſeruice, and adminiſtracion of the Sa-
cramentes, thzoughout the Realme, vpon ſuche ſeuerall paynes, as in
theſayde acte of parlament is expreſſed. And theſayd foꝛmer acte to
ſtande in full foꝛce, and ſtrength, to all ententes, and conſtructiõs, and

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to be applied, practised, and put in vre, to, & for the establishyng of the booke of common praier, now explaned, and here vnto annexed, and also thesayde forme of makyng of Archebishoppes, Bishoppes, prieستes and deacons herunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

AND by thaucthoritie aforesayd it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, enhabityng within this Realme, or any other the kynges maiesties dominions, shall after thesaid feaste of all Saintes, willyngly, & wittingly, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme of common praier, of administracion of the Sacramētes, of makyng of ministers in the churches, or of any other rytes, cōteyned in the boke annexed to this acte, then is mēcioned, & set furth in the sayde booke, or that is contrary to the forme of sondry prouisions, & exceptions, conteined in the forsayde former statute, and shalbe therof conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this realme, before the iustices of assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of peace in their sessions, or any of theim, by the verdicte of .xii. men, or by his, or their owne cōfession, or otherwise, shal for the first offence suffre emprisonnemēt for syx monethes, without bayle, or mainprise, and for the second offence, beyng likewyse conuicted as is abouesayd, emprisonnement for one whole yere, and for the thirde offence, in like maner emprisonnement duryng his or their liues. And for the more knowlege to be geuen here of, and better obseruacion of this lawe, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that al, and singuler Curates, shall vpon one Sonday euery quarter of the yeare, duryng one hole yeare next followyng the forsayd feaste of all sainctes next commyng, rede this present acte in the churche, at the time of the moste assembly, & likewise ones in euery yere followyng at thesame tyme, declaryng vnto the people by thaucthoritie of the scripture, howe the mercie & goodnes of God hath in all ages bene shewed to his people, in their necessities, & extremities, by meanes of hartie & faithful praiers made to almightie god, especially wher people be gathered togeither with one faith & minde, to offer vp their hartes by praiers, as the best sacrifice that christian men can yelde.

¶ The. ij. Chapiter.
¶ An acte for the prouision and relief of the poore.

TO thentent that valiaunt beggers, idle, and loytering persones, maie be auoyded, and the impotent, feble, and lame, prouided for, whiche are poore in very deede: BE IT enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by aucthoritie of thesame, that aswell the Statute made in the .xxij. yere of the late kyng of famous memorie, kyng Henry the .viij. as also the statute,

made in the third, and fourth yere of the reigne of the kynges maiestie that now is, concernyng beggers, vagaboundes, and idle persons, and euery article, clause, braunche, sentence, and other thinges conteined in them, and in euery of them (other then suche thynges, as shalbe by this present act ordeined, and prouided for) shall stande, remaine, and be in their full force, and effect, and shalbe from hencefurthe iustly, and truely, put in execucion, accordyng to the true meanyng of thesaid seuerall statutes, and euery of them.

And further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that yerely, one holy daie in Whiteson weke, in euery Citie, Borough, and Toune corporate, the Maiour, Bailifes, or other head officers, for the time beyng: And in euery other Parishe of the countrie, the Persone, Vicar, or curate, and the Churchewardeins (hauyng in a regester, or boke, aswell all the names of the enhabitantes, and housholders, as also the names of all suche impotēt, aged, and nedy persones, as beyng within their citie, Borough, Toune corporate, or Parishe, are not able to liue of them selues, nor with their awne laboure,) shall openly in the Churche, and quietly, after diuine seruice, call thesaied housholders and enhabitantes together. Emong whom the Maiour, and two of his brethren in euery citie, the Bailifes, or other head officers in Boroughes, and Tounes corporate, the Persone, Vicare, or Curate, and Churchewardeins in euery other Parishe: shal elect, nominate, and appoyncte yerely, two able persones, or mo, to be gatherers, and collectours of the charitable almose of all the residue of the people, for the relief of the poore. Whiche collectours the Sondaie next after their election, (or the Sondaie folowyng, if nede require) when the people is at the Churche, and hath heard Gods holy worde, shall gently aske, and demande of euery man, and woman, what thei of their charitie wilbe contented to geue wekely toward the relief of the poore. And thesame to be written in thesaid register, or boke. And thesaid gatherers, so beyng elected, and chosē, shall iustly gather, and truely distribute thesame charitable almose wekely (by themselues or their assignes) to thesaied poore, and impotēt persones of thesaid cities, Boroughes, tounes corporate, or Parishes, without fraude, or couine, fauour, or affection. And after such sorte, that the more impotent maie haue the more helpe: and suche, as can get part of their liuyng to haue the lesse. And by the discreciō of the collectours to be put in suche labour, as thei be fitte, and able to do, but none to go, or sitte openly a beggyng, vpon paine limitted in the aforesaid statutes.

Be it also enacted by the aucthoritie afore saied, that no persone, or persones, so elected, nominated, and appoyncted to be gatherer, or gatherers, as is aforesaied, shall refuse thesaied office, but shall iustly, and truely execute thesame, by the space of one whole yere next ensuyng, vpon pain of forfeiting. xx. s. to the almose boxe of the poore, to be leuied by the Churchwardeins, where thei, or he dwelleth, of the goodes of the

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saied gatherer, or gatherers, so refusyng, by distresse.

And further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore said, that thesaid gatherers, or collectours, shall make there iust accompte quarterly, to the Maiour of the citie, Bailifes, or hedde officers of the Borough, or toune corporate: And in euery Parishe of the countrie, to the Persone, Vicare, or Curate, and Churchewardeins of the parishe. At whiche accompt, suche of the Parishe, as will, maie be present. And when thei go out of their office, thei shall deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, furthewith vpon thende of their accomptes, all suche surplusage of money as then shal remaine of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the common chest of the churche, or in some other saufe place, to the vse of the poore, at the ouer sight, and discrecion of thesaid Maiour, or other the officers before mencioned. And if thesaid collectours, or any of theim, do refuse to make their saied accompte, within. viij. daies: then the Bishop of the Dioces, or ordinarie, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to compell thesaied persone, or persones, by Censures of the Churche, to make their saied accomptes, before suche persones as thesaied Bishop, or ordinarie, shal appoyncte.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any persone, or persones, beyng able to further this charitable worke, doe obstinatly, & frowardly refuse to geue towardes the helpe of the poore, or do wilfully discourage other frō so charitable a diede: the persone, Vicare, or Curate, and Churchewardeins, of the Parishe wherein he dwelleth, shall gently exhorte hym, or theim, towardes the relief of the poore. And if he, or they, will not so be persuaded, then vpon the certificat of the Persone, Vicare, or Curate of the Parishe, to the Bishop of the Dioces, thesame Bishop shall send for hym, or them, to induce, and persuade hym, or them, by charitable waies, and meanes. And so accordyng to his discrecion, to take order for the reformacion thereof.

And for the better maintenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeined, and established by aucthoritie aforesaied, that where as the late Kyng, of famous memorie, Kyng Henry the. viij. by his seuerall erecciones and foundacions, hath ordeined and appoyncted, any somme, or sommes of money to the vse of the poore (not beyng taken awaie otherwise by acte of Parlament) whether thesame be in any Cathedral churche, College, or els where: The Bishop of the Dioces for the tyme beyng, shall from tyme to tyme, examine, how, and after what maner, thesaied money is bestowed, and cal to accompte the parties, whiche retein thesaid money, so that it maie appere that thesame is distributed to the poore, accordyng to the Kynges Maiesties foundacion.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that this present acte, nor any thyng therein conteined, shall extende, or be preiudicial vnto the Maiour, Shiereues, and citezeins, of the citie of Chester, for, or concernyng any gift, or graunt, of any an-

nuitie, or yerely rent, heretofore made, geuen, or graunted by the kynges Maiestie that now is, vnto the said Maiour, Shiereues, and citezeins, of the saied Citie, goyng out of any Manours, Londes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the Cathedrall Churche of Christ and our Lady, within the Citie of Chester, but that the same Maiour, Shiereues, and Citezeins, shall, and maie, from hencefurthe, receiue, vse, and employe, the saume authorities, yerely rentes, or profectes, to suche vses, and ententes, and acordyng to the said gifte of our souereigne lorde the kyng, any thyng in this present acte to the cõtrary, notwithstãdyng This act to endure to thende of the first session, of the next Parlament.

¶ The. iij. Chapiter.

An acte for the keppyng of holy daies and fastyng daies.

FOrasmuche as at all tymes men be not so mindfull to laude and praise God, so redy to resort and heare Gods holy worde, and to come to the holy communion, and other laudable rites, whiche are to be obserued in euery christen congregacion, as their boũden dutie doth require: Therefore to call men to remembraunce of their dutie, and to helpe their infirmitie, it hath been wholsomely prouided, that there should be some certein tymes and daies appoynted, wherin the Christians should cease from all other kynd of labours, and should applie themselues only, and wholy, vnto the aforesaied holy workes, properly perteinyng vnto true religion. That is, to heare, to learne, and to remembre almightie Goddes greate benefites, his manifold mercies, his inestimable gracious goodnes, so plenteously powred vpõ al his creatures, and that of his infinite, and vnspeakeable goodnes, without any mannes deserte. And in remembraunce hereof, to rendre vnto hym moste high and hartie thankes, with praiers and supplicacions, for the relief of all our daiely necessities. And because these be the chief and principall workes wherein man is commaunded to worship God, and do properly pertein vnto the first table: therfore as these woorkes are bothe moste commonly, and also maie well be called Goddes seruice, so the tymes appoynted specially for the same, are called holy daies. Not for the matter and nature, either of the time, or daie, nor for any of the sainctes sakes, whose memories are had on those daies (for so al dayes and times cõsidered, are Goddes creatures, and al of like holines) but for the nature and condiciõ of those godly and holy workes, wherwith onely God is to be honoured, and the congregacion to be edified, whereunto suche tymes and daies are sanctified and hallowed. That is to saie, separated from all prophane vses, and dedicated & appoynted, not vnto any saincte or creature, but only vnto God, and his true worship. Neither is it to be thought, that there is any certein tyme or

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definite nombre of daies prescribed in holy scripture, but that the appoynctement both of the tyme, and also of the nomber of the daies, is left by the aucthoritie of Gods worde, to the libertie of Christes churche, to be determined and assigned orderly in euery countrey, by the discrecion of the Rulers and ministers thereof, as thei shall iudge moste expedient to the true settyng furthe of Gods glory, and the edificacion of their people. BE IT therefore enacted, by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all the daies hereafter mencioned, shalbe kept, and cōmaunded to be kepte holy daies, and none other. That is to saie, all Sondaies in the yere, the daies of the feastes of the Circūcision of our lorde Jesus Christ. Of Thepiphanie. Of the Purificacion of the blessed Virgin. Of sainct Mathie the Apostle. Of Thannunciacion of the blessed virgin Of sainct Marke the Euangelist. Of sainct Philip and Jacob the Apostles. Of the Ascencion of our Lorde Jesus Christ. Of the Natiuitie of sainct Jhon Baptist. Of sainct Peter the Apostle. Of saincte James the Apostle. Of saincte Bartholomewe the Apostle. Of sainct Mathewe the Apostle. Of sainct Michael the Archaungell. Of sainct Luke the Euangelist. Of sainct Simō and Jude the Apostles. Of all Sainctes. Of sainct Andrewe the Apostle. Of sainct Thomas the Apostle. Of the Natiuitie of our Lorde. Of saincte Stephen the Martire. Of saincte Jhon the Euangelist. Of the holy Innocentes. Monedaie and Twesdaie in Easter weke. And Monedaie and Twesdaie in Whiteson weke. And that none other daie shalbe kept and commaunded to be kept holy daie, or to abstein from lawful bodily labour

And it is also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery euen or daie, next goyng before any of thaforesaid daies of the feastes of the Natiuitie of our lorde, of Easter, of the Ascencion of our lorde, Pentecost, of the Purificacion, and the Annunciacion, of the aforesaid blessed Virgin, of all Sainctes, and of all of the saied feastes of the Apostles (other then of saincte Jhon the Euangelist, and Philippe and Jacob) shalbe fasted, and commaunded so to be kepte, and obserued, and that none other euen, or daie, shalbe commaunded to be fasted.

And it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue saied, that it shalbe lawfull to all Archebishoppes, and Bishoppes, in their Diocesses, and to all other hauyng Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall iurisdiction, to enquire of euery persone that shal offende in the premisses, and to punishe euery such offendour by the Censures of the Churche, and to enioyne him, or them, suche penaunce, as shalbe to the spirituall iudge, by his discrecion thought mete, and conuenient.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, shall not extende to abrogate, or take awaie the abstinence from fleshe, in Lent, or on Fridaies, and Saturdaies, or any other daie, whiche is

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alredy appoynted so to be kept, by vertue of an acte, made, and prouided, in the. iii. yere of the reigne of our souereigne Lorde the Kynges Maiestie that now is, saupng onely of those euens, or dates, whereof the holy date next folowyng is abrogated by this Statute. Any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that when, and so often, as it shall chaunce any of thesaid feastes (the euens whereof be by this Statute commaunded to be obserued, and kept fastyng date) dooe fall vpon the Mondate: that then, as it hath alwaies been heretofore accustomablie vsed, so hereafter the Saturdate, then nexte goyng before any suche feast, or holy date, and not the Sondate, shalbe cõmaunded to be fasted for the euen of any suche feaste, or holy date. Any thyng in this statute before mencioned or declared, to the cõtrary in any wise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to euery husbandman, laborer, fisherman, and to al, and euery other persone, and persones, of what estate degree, or condicion he, or thei be, vpon the holy daies aforesaid, in haruest, or at any other tymes in the yere, when necessitie shall require, to labor, ride, fishe or woorke any kynd of woorke, at their free willes and pleasure. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wise not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to the knightes of the right honourable ordre of the Garter, and to euery of them, to kepe, and celebrate solempnely the feast of their ordre (commonly called sainct Georges feast) yerely from hencefurthe, the. xxii, xxiii. and. xxiiii. daies of Aprill, and at suche other tyme, and tymes, as yerely shalbe thought conuenient by the Kynges highnes, his heires and successors, and thesaid knightes of thesaid honorable order, or any of them now beyng, or hereafter to be. Any thyng in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ The. iiii. Chapiter.

An act, against fightyng, and quarellyng, in Churches, and Churche yardes.

FOrasmuche as of late, diuerse and many outragious and barbarous behauors and actes, haue been vsed, and committed by diuerse vngodly, and irreligious persons, by quarellyng, braulyng, fraiyng & fightyng, openly in churches, and Churche yardes: Therefore it is enacted by the Kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that if any persone whatsoeuer, shall at any tyme aftre the first date of Maie next comyng,

mynge, by woordes onely, querelle, chide, or braule in any Churche, or Churche yarde, that then it shalbe lawfull vnto the Ordenarie of the place, where the same offence shalbe doen, and proued, by twoo lawfull witnesses, to suspende euery persone so offendyng. That is to saie, if he be a late man, *ab ingressu Ecclesiæ*, and if he be a clerke, from the ministration of his office, for so long tyme, as the said ordenarie shall by his discrecio thynke mete, and conuenient, accordyng to the fault.

And further it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any persone, or persones, after the said first daie of Maie, shall smite or laie any violent handes vpon any other, either in any Churche, or Churche yarde: That then, *Ipso facto*: euery persone so offendyng, shalbe demed excommunicate, and be excluded from the felowshippe and companie of Christes congregacion.

And also it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any persone, after the said first daie of Maie, shall maliciously strike any persone with any weapon, in any Churche or Churche yarde, or after the same firste daie of Maie, shall drawe any weapon in any Churche, or Churche yarde, to the entent to strike another with the same weapon: That then euery persone so offendyng, and thereof beyng conuicted by verdict of .xij. men, or by his awne confession, or by two lawfull witnesses, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Peace in their Sessions, by force of this act, shalbe adiudged by the same Justices, before whome suche persone shalbe so conuicted, to haue one of his eares cut of. And if the persone, or persones so offendyng haue none eares, whereby thei should receyue suche punishmēt as is afore declared: that then he, or thei, to be marked and burned in the cheke with an hotte yron, hauyng this letter. F. therin, wherby he or they maie be knowen, and taken, for frate makers and fighters, and beside that, euery suche persone, to be, and stand, *Ipso facto*, excommunicated, as is aforesaied.

¶ The. v. Chapiter.

An Acte for the maintenaunce of Tillage, and encreace of Corne.

FOR the better mayntenaunce of Tillage, and encreace of corne to be had within this Realme, whiche of late tyme bene muche decaied, by suche as haue cōuerted landes vsually putte in tillage, to pasture:

Be it enacted by the Kyng our souereigne lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, and Communes, in this present parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that there shalbe yerely, after the feaste of the Annunciacio of our Lady, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, and thre and fyfty, asmuche lande, or more, putte wholy

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in tillage, & vsed, and sowen, accordyng to the custome of the countrey, and nature of the grounde, and so shalbe continued & vsed for tillage, and sowen for euer, by the owners, fermours, or occupiers therof, in euery towne, paroche, village, and hammelette, within the Realme of England, and Wales: as was, or hath bene put in tyllage, in any one yere, and so kept in tillage, by the space of fowre yeres, any tyme sence the first yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the eyght, vpon peyne to forfeicte to the kyng, and his heires, for euery acre not put in tillage, vsed and occupied, according to the fourme and effecte, of this present acte, fyue shillinges, for euery yere so offending. And for the better execution of this acte,

Be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng, his heyres and successours, at his and their wille, and pleasure, from tyme, to tyme, may directe his, and their seuerall commission, and commissions, vnder the great seale of Englande, to suche persones as it shall please them. And that thesame commissioners, or fowre of them at the least, shall haue power, & aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of the sayde commission, to enquire, searche, & trie, by the othes of twelue lawful, and indifferent persones, or more, in euery hundred, Rape, or wapentake, suche as may dispende yearely. xl s. of freholde: what landes, and tenemētes, in euery towne, paroche, village, or hammelet, within the limites of their charge (haue against the fourme and effect of this present acte, and statute) at any time, or tymes, sence the said first yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the eyght, bene conuerted, and turned from tillage to pasture, and so lieng cōuerted, and turned, from tillage, to pasture, and is now, or herafter so shalbe continued, and occupied in pasture. And that the sayd twelue persones, or more, vpon their othes, shall make trewe and lawful presentment, and certificat, aswel of al, and singuler, the premisses, as of the names, or sirenames, of the owners, fermours, and occupiers of the same, in writing vnder their seales, to the sayd commissioners, at suche date, tyme, and place, as shalbe limited to them, by the sayde commissioners. And that the sayde commissioners, after suche presentementes thereof, had, and made, shall cause thesame presentementes, to be engrossed in parchement, endented, and sealed with their seales, whereof the one parte therof shalbe deliuered to the foreman of the Jury, and the other parte therof, shalbe certefied into the Kynges Courte of chauncerie, within two monethes next after suche presentment, so had and made. And that from thencefurth, the sayd presentementes, with conuenient spiede shal be certefied, and streted out, and from, the sayde courte of Chauncerie, into the Court of Thescheaquer, there to remaine of recorde, among the Kynges Maiesties recordes of the same courte of thescheaquer, to thentent that this statute shalbe the more diligently, and indifferently, put in the execution, accordyng to the true meanyng thereof.

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And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that suche commissioners, as shall herafter be aucthorised by vertue of the Kynges commission, to put this acte in execution, shall before suche tyme as he, or they, shal sytte vpō the same commission, take a corporal othe, before the lord Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde keper of the great Seale, for the time beyng, or before suche other persone, or persones, as shall haue aucthoritie, from the lorde Chauncellour of England, or the keper of the great Seale, for the time beyng, by *Dedimus potestatem*, to receiue, and take his, or their othes, truly, faithfully, indifferently, and iustly, according to the vttermoste of his, or their wittes, learnynges, and cunninges to endeuoure them selues, for, and to the true execution of this statute, and of all, and euery thyng, conteyned in the same, for the better maintenaunce of tillage, and encreace of corne, to be had, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte.

And be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue aucthoritie, and power, to directe their precept to the Shieriefe of the countie, beyng within the limites of their commission, to warne suche, and as many honest men of his Bailiwicke as is aforesaid, by whom the truthe may beste be knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of all and euery the premisses, and to sette suche reasonable fynes, yssues, and amerciamentes, vpon suche persones, as shall make default of their apparances, or makyng their apparances, shall neglect to do their duties, in, and about the execucion of the premisses, as to thesame commissioners, or fowre of them, shalbe by their discrecions thought mete, and conuenient, so that thesame fyne, or amerciament, for any one default excede not the somme of. xx. s̄. And that thesame fynes, yssues, & amerciamentes, so by them taxed, and sette, shalbe yerely, well, and truely streated, into the sayd couet of theschequier, & there to be leuied to the kynges vse, as other fynes, and amerciamentes, haue bene there accustomed and vsed to be leuied.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the puttyng of any landes, or tenementes hereafter, from pasture, to tillage, accordyng to the forme and effect of this acte, shall not in any wise extende, to be any cause of breache, or forfeicture of any bonde, couenaunt, paiment, or condicion, made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any persone, or persones, whiche in any wise is, or shalbe repugnaunt, or contrariant to this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by thaucthorite aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise, extende to any lande, conuerted, or to be cōuerted into pasture, that shal be kept without fraude or couine, only for the maintenaunce of the houses and hospitalitie, of any person, or persones, nor to any land, that commonly or vsually, hath lien to pasture, by the space of. xl. yeares last past, nor

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to any waſt groundes, or heithes, nor to any common downes, fennes, moores, or mariſſhes, whiche haue not bene comonly, and vſually, for the moſte part ſowen or put in tillage, within. xl. yeres laſt paſt, nor to any lande nowe beyng lawful warren, or now vſed & kepte for Conies, nor to any grounde ſtubbed or wonne, from wood, buſſhes, broome, or fyzres, into the kynd of paſture, nor to any lande nowe encloſed in any parke, commonly vſed with dere, and that without fraude, or couyne, hath bene vſed for any parke, within. iiii. yeres, laſt before this preſent ſeſſion of the Parlament, nor to any ſalte mariſſhes, nor to any mariſſhes, that comonly within ten yeres, hath bene ones ſurrounded, or ouer flowen with water, nor to any grounde encloſed, by the licence of our ſouereigne lord the kyng, or any of his noble progenitours, nor to any orchard, gardeyn, poole, or ponde parde, nor to any medowe grouñd yerely mowen, or to be mowen for haye, nor to any lande ſette or to be ſette, with ſaffron, or with hoppes, nor to any land ſowen, or to be ſowen, with hempe, flaxe, woade, or madder, nor to any lande, without fraude or couine, ſowen, or to be ſowen, with Acornes, or ſet, or to be ſette with wood, during ſuche times, as theſame ſhalbe vſed, or put to the vſes and ententes before ſpecified.

Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that this acte, nor any thyng therein cõtayned, ſhal in any wiſe extende, or be preiudiciall, or hurtfull to any perſone, or perſones, whiche at any tyme heretofore hath conuerted, or at any tyme, or tymes, hereafter ſhall conuerte, any arable lande, to paſture, in any paroche, towne, village, hãmelet, or other place, or places, of this Realme, for the whiche ſuche perſone, or perſones, hath already, or within one yeare, after the feaſte of Eaſter, next commyng, or within one yere, next after any ſuche enquiſicion hereafter to be founde, after ſuche conuertyng of arable ground, into paſture, hath, or ſhall turne, or conuert to tillage, of arable ground, aſmuche paſture grounde, or leaſe within theſame paroche, towne, village, or hãmelet, or within any of them, wher any ſuche land ſo hath bene, or hereafter ſhalbe cõuerted, from tillage, to paſture, and do ſuffer the ſame lande, ſo turned from paſture to tillage, ſo to continue in tillage, and be arable without turnyng theſame to paſture agayne, ſo long as the landes turned to paſture, as aforeſaid, ſhalbe vſed in paſture. any thyng in this preſent acte conteined to the contrary hereof, in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

And it is further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that aſwell all commiſſioners, Juſtices of Aſſiſe, Juſtices of Oyer and determiner, as Juſtices of peace, in their ſeſſions, and none other, ſhall haue full power, and aucthoritie, to enquire of the premiſſes, and ſhall certefie al preſentmentes, that ſhalbe had before them, into the court of chauncery, and from thence to be ſtreated, in conuenient time, into the kynges court of theſchequier, and that the partie greued, if he wille, may haue,

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and tende his trauerse, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, in the same court, whether the sayd landes, or tenementes, so founden, by any suche enquisicion, be holden of the kyng immediatly, or not.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, nor any thyng therin contened shall, or may, in any wyse extende, to geue any auctoritie to any Shiereke, vndershiereke, or any their officer, Bailicke, or minister, to enfringe, breake, or entre, into any libertie, or liberties, for the execucion of any precepte, or other processe, which shalbe hereafter to him, or them, awarded by auctoritie, & vertue of this acte, otherwise then he, or thei, might haue done, before the making of thesame. Any thing herein conteined to the contrary in any wise, not withstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones offendyng this acte, be at any time here after empeched, or sued, by force of this acte, for any offente, or offences, committed or done, or to be cõmitted or done, contrary to this acte, that then the partie offending so sued, shall not be empeched, by the kyng our souerayne lorde, or by any other, for thesame offence, by vertue of any lawe, acte, or actes, statute, or statutes, heretofore had or made, for the reformacion of any the articles, or braunches, cõteined in this acte. Any thyng in this acte, or any other acte, or actes, had, or made, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thyng therin cõteined, shall not extende to charge any person, or persones, with any penaltie, or forfeicture, for, or concernyng any offence done, or to be done, contrary to the tenour of this acte, onles, he, or they, so offending, be sued, or empeched for thesame, within thre yeres next after thesame offẽce be foũde by enquisicion, as is aforesaid. This act to endure for .x. yeres, and from thence, vnto thende of the nexte parlament.

¶ Chapiter. vi.

An Acte for the true makyng of wollen clothe.

WHere heretofore diuers, and many goodly statutes haue bene made for the true makyng of cloth within this Realme, whiche neuertheles, forasmuche as clothiers, some for lacke of knowlege, & experience, and some of extreame coueitousnes do daily more and more, study rather to make many, then to make good clothes, hauyng more respecte to there priuate commoditie and gaine, then the aduauncement of truth, and cõtinuaunce of the commoditie in estimacion accordyng to the worthines therof, haue and do daily, in steade of

truth practise falsehodde, and in steade of substantial making of cloth, do practise sleight, and slender making, some by mynglyng of yarnes of diuerse spinnynges in one cloth, some by mynglyng selle wolle, and lambes wolle, or either of them with fleece wolle, some by puttyng to little stuffe, some by takyng the out of the mille before thei be ful thicked, some by ouer stretchyng them, vpon the tentour and then stopping with clockes such brackes as shalbe made by meanes therof, finally by vsyng so many subtile sleightes, and vntruthes, as when the clothes so made, be put in the water, to trie them, thei ryse out of the same neither in length, nor breadth, as thei ought to do, and in some place narrower then some, beside suche cockelyng, bandyng, and diuers other great and notable faultes, as almost cannot be thought to be true. And yet neuertheless, neither fearyng the lawes in that case prouided, nor regardyng the estimacion of their countrie, do not onely procure the alnegour to sette the Kynges seale to suche false, vntrue, and faultie cloth, but do themselues weaue into the same, the lykenesse and similitude of the Kynges highnes most noble and imperial crowne, and also the first letter of his name, which shoulde be testimonies of truth, and not a defence of vntruth, to great slaunder of the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, and the shame of this lande, and to the vtter destruction of so great and notable commoditie, as the lyke is not in any forein nacion. Our said souereigne Lorde the Kyng, therfore mindyng to aduaunce all truth, and to abandon falsehodde, and also to prouide for the continuaunce of the said commoditie of cloth making, to his honour, and the commune profite of the Realme: hath by thaduise of the lordes, and communes in this present Parlament assembled, caused, aswell diuerse honest Clothers, as also diuerse Drapers, Marchaunte tailours, Clothe workers, Sheremen, and other artificers, to whom it appertaineth, to be examined by certaine wise, discrete, and sage knightes, and burgesses of this present Parlament, of suche matters as touch aswel the false, as the true making of clothes, by whose declaracion, consent, agrement, and aduise, after diuers & sondry metynges, & greate deliberate aduise taken in the premisses, by aucthoritie of this present parlamente it is enacted, as here after followeth, to remaine firme, & perfecte, notwithstādyng any suggestiōs herafter to be made by any clother, or clothmaker to the cōtrarie, as thei haue in lyke cases heretofore doen.

That is to say, that euery clothe, carlie, piece of friese, and cotten shalbe made in suche sorte, and fourme, and shall conteine in length, breadth, and weight, as is herein hereafter particularly mencioned, vpon suche paines, penalties, and forfectures, as be hereafter expressed and appointed. FIRST that al, and euery brode cloth, & clothes, which shalbe made after the said feaste of S. Michel Tharchaungel next comyng within the shieres of Kente and Sussex, or at the towne of Redyng, or any of them, or elles where of lyke making, as the clothes made

made ther shalbe of, shal cõteine in length at the wäter, euery piece beyng throughwette, betwixt xxviij. & xxx. yardes of measure, that is now customably vsed, & in breadth. viij. quarters at ỳ least, within the listes by the whole length of the same clothe, the listes of the same clothes to be of lyke makyng, & assise, as ther haue here before tyme bene vsed to be made, & that euery piece of the said clothes beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shalbe in weight & waeighe. xx. li. at the least.

And that al, & euery white clothe, & clothes, which shalbe made with in the citie of Worcester, cõmẽly called long Worcesters, & al lyke clothes of lyke makyng, made within the citie of Couentrie, or els where after the said feast, shal cõteine in lẽgth beyng wette, as is afore said, betwixt. xxix. & xxxi. yardes the piece, & to euery yarde one ynche of the stãdarde, & shalbe of the breadth aboue specified, throughout, & by al the lẽgth of the whole cloth, & listed, as hath bene accustomed: & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. score. iiii. li. the piece at the least. And that all coloured clothes made in the said cities of Couentrie & Worcester, or els where, of lyke makyng, after the said feast, shal cõteine & be of lyke length, and breadth, as is last afore mencioned, and be listed as is afore said, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. score li. the piece at the least.

And that al, and euery white clothe & clothes, cõmonly called short Worcesters, whiche shalbe made within the said Citie, or countie, or ciles where, of the same sort, after the said feast, shal conteine in lẽgth beyng wette, betwixt. xxiii. and. xxv. yardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, & shalbe of the breadth as is afore said, throughout, and by all the whole cloth, listed accordyng to the auncẽt custome, and beyng well scoured, thicked, and fully dried, shal weigh. iii. score li. the piece at the leaste.

And that al coloured long clothes, whiche after the said feast shalbe made within the shieres of Suffolke, Norfolke, and Essex, or any of them, or els wher of like sorte, shal conteine in length, wette, as is afore saied, betwixte. xxviij. and. xxx. yardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, and shalbe in breadth. viij. quarters of the yard, within the listes, at the least throughout, and by al the whole cloth, and listed as hath bene accustomed, and being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weigh iiii. score li. the piece at the least. And that al and euery short cloth, and clothes coloured, whiche after the said feast shalbe made within the said shieres last remembred, or any of them, or elles where, of lyke sorte, shal cõteine wette, as is afore said, betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & shalbe in breadthe, as last is remembred, throughout & by the whole cloth, & listed as is afore said, & beyng fully scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weighe. iii. score. iiii. li. the piece at the least.

And that al, & euery coloured cloth, & clothes which after the said feast shalbe made within the said shieres, last remẽbred, or els where of lyke sortes, cõmonly called handy warpes, of what length they shal happẽ to be, shalbe in breadthe, out of the water, throughout, & by all the whole

clothe, as is last remẽbred, & listed, as thei haue bene accustomed, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, euery yarde of euery such clothe, shal weighe .vj. li. at the least: And that al whites which after the said feaste shalbe made in the said shires, or els where as Corsall whytes, glaunsfordes, & other, beyng handwarpes, of what lengthes soeuer thei shalbe, shal cõteine in bredth, as is afore remẽbred, & be listed, as is aforesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weigh by the yard .iii. li. at the leaste, of such measure, as hath bene before vsed.

And that al whites, & reddes which after the said feast shalbe made in the shires, or counties of Wiltshere, Glocestre, & Somerset, or any of them, or els wher of like making, & al other whites, which shalbe made in any other partes of the Realme, & not afore remembred, shal conteine in length, beyng through wet, betwixt .xxvi. & .xxviii. yardes, & shalbe .vii. quarters of the yard in bredth, within the listes at the least, & listed accordyng to the auncient custome, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe euery piece .lxiiii. li. being white, & .iii. score being coloured at the least: and that al brode plunkets, aziers, blewes, & other coloured cloth, which after the said feast shalbe made within ỹ said shires of Wiltshere, Glocester, or somerset, or els where of lyke making shal conteine beyng wette as is aforesaid, betwixt .xxv. & .xxvii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & shalbe .vii. quarters of a yarde, within the listes, at the least, & listed accordyng to the auncient custome, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe .iii. score .viii. li. ỹ piece at the least: And that al carseis, called Ordemaris shal cõteine in legth, betwixt .xvii. & .xviii. yardes, yarde & ynche, as is aforesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, & fully dried, shal weighe .xx. li. at ỹ least:

And al carseis, called sortyng carseis, which after the said feast shalbe made in any parte of this the kinges maiesties realme of England, shal cõteine in legth at the water, betwixt .xvii. & .xviii. yardes, yarde & ynche as is aforesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, and fully dried, ready to be shewed, shal weighe .xxii. li. the piece, at the leaste.

And that al deuonshere carseis, called douseines, which shalbe made after the said feast, shal cõteine in legth at the water, betwene .xii. & .xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe .xiiii. li. the piece, at the least: and that al & euery brode cloth, & clothes, called Taunton clothes, bridge waters, & other clothes, which shalbe made after the said feast in Taunton bridge water, or in other places of lyke sorte, shall cõteine at the water in length, betwixt .xii. & .xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, and in bredthe .vii. quarters of a yarde, & euery narowe clothe made after the said feast in the said townes, or els where of lyke sortes, shall cõteine in the water in lengthe, betwixt .xxiii. & .xxv. yardes, yarde & ynche, as is aforesaid; & in bredth one yarde of lyke measure, & euery such cloth both brode, & narowe being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weigh .xxviii. li. the piece at the least: and that al clothes, named checke carsey, & strai-

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tes, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast shal conteine, beyng wette, betwixt .xvii. & xviii yardes, with the ynches as is aforesaid, & in bredth one yarde, at the least, at the water, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe .xxiiii. li. the piece, at the least: And that al, & euery Walshe cotton, & cottons, whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made & wrought ready to be solde for a whole piece, shall not be stretched on the tentour, nor otherwise aboue a naile of a yarde in bredthe, & shalbe in legth .xxxii. goades in the water at the most, & in bredth .iii. quarters of a yarde, at the water, at the least, & beyng so fully wrought, euery whole piece therof, shal weighe .xl vi. li. at the least, & euery halfe piece of Walshe cotton, beyng full wrought, as is aforesaid, shall conteine in length, weighte, & bredth, aftre the same rate: and that all Walshe frises, which aftre the feast aforesaid shalbe made and wrought within the shieres of Cardegan, Carmarden, & Pembroke, or any of them, or els where of lyke making, ready to be sold, for a whole piece, shall conteine in length at the water .xxvi. yardes, at the most, yarde & ynche of the rule, & in bredth .iii. quarters of a yarde, & beyng so fully wrought shal weighe euery whole piece .xlviii. li. at the least, & euery haulfe piece of walshe frises, beyng full wrought, as aforesaid, shall conteine in lengthe, bredthe, and weighte, aftre the same rate.

And that al & euery Northerne clothes, which aftre the said feast shal be made, shal conteyne betwene .xxiii. & .xxv. yardes in lengthe, yarde & ynche of the rule, & in bredth beyng through wette .vii. quatters of a yarde, within the lystes, at the least, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dryed, shal weighe .xl vi. li. the piece, at the least, & euery halfe piece, called doubles, made aftre the said feaste, shal conteine in length, betwixt .xii. and .xiii yardes of measure aforesaid, and .vii. quarters of a yarde in bredth, as afore, within the lystes, and beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weighe .xxiii. li. at the leaste.

And that al clothe, commonly called penulstones, or forell whites, whiche shalbe made aftre the feast aforesaid, shal conteine in length, beyng wette, betwixt .xii. & .xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche, as aforesaid, and in bredth .vi. quarters, & an haulf quatter out of the water, at the least, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weigh .xxviii. li. the piece at the leaste: and that al and euery cottonnes, called Manchestre, Lancastre shiere, and Chestshire cottonnes, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast ful wrought to the sale, shalbe in length .xii. goades, & conteine in bredth .ii. quarters of a yarde in the water, & shal weigh .xx. li. the piece at the least. And that al clothes called manchestre rugges, otherwise named manchestre frises, which shalbe made aftre ỹ said feast & fully wrought to sale, shal conteine in legth .xxvi. yardes, & in bredth iij. quarters of a yarde, coming out of the water, & shal not be stretched on ỹ taintour, nor otherwise aboue a naile of a yard in bredth, & being so fully wrought, & wel dried, shal weigh euery piece .xl viij. li. at ỹ leaste.

And be it further enacted, that all, & euery person, & persons, whiche

aftre the ſaid feaſte of S. Michael tharchaungel nexte commyng, ſhall make, or cauſe to be made any of the ſeueral kyndes of brode clothes aboue reherſed, of any ſhorter, or longer meaſure, then is aboue ſpecified & appointed for euery countrie, or ſeueral kynde of clothes to be made, or make any ſuche cloth, or clothes of leſſe breadth, or weight, being wel ſkowred, thicked, milled, & fully dried, then as is aboue ſpecified, & appointed for euery ſeueral cõũtrie, or kyndes of clothes, & ſhal putte the ſame to ſale, ſhal forfeicte, & loſe for euery ſuch defaulte of euery clothe, ſolde, or offered to be ſold, in length, or breadth. xl. s. & for euery pounde weight, whiche any clothe ſo made, and ſolde, or offred to be ſolde, ſhall lacke, excedyng not aboue. iiij. l. in weight, ſhal alſo forfaicte. iij. s. for euery pounde, the ſame forfeicture to go to the fynder therof. And that if any ſuche clothe lacke aboue. iiij. l. weight, of the feuerall weightes aboue mencioned, that euery owner therof ſhal then forfaicte. xl. s. for euery ſuche clothe ſo lackyng of his weight, as is aforeſaid.

Prouided alwaies, ỹ if any brode cloth ſhal excede the ſeueral length before appointed for euery cõũtry, or kinde of makyng, by meanes of ỹ fineſſe, or ỹ good perfecte, & ſtuffie making of ỹ ſame cloth, ỹ then ỹ maker therof ſhal not encurre any loſſe, or penaltie for ỹ ouer legth of any ſuch fine cloth. ani thing herin to ỹ cõtrary in any wiſe, notwithſtãding.

And be it furted enacted, that al & euery perſon, or perſons, which aftre theſaid feaſte ſhal make, or cauſe to be made any of the ſeueral kindes of carſeis, narowe clothes, ſtreightes, douſeines, friſes, or cottones aboue mencioned, which ſhal not be made in ſuche maner, & fourme, as is aboue ſaid, nor cõteine & haue in length, breadth, & weight ſeuerally appointed, & limited, as is aboue ſpecified, ſhal loſe & forfeicte for euery piece of cloth, called ſtreight, or doſein, & for euery piece of narow cloth carſey, friſe, or cottone, ſo to be made, & ſolde, or offred to be ſolde. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that from & after theſaid feaſte, no perſon, or perſons, ſhal putte any heare, flockes, or any yarne made of lambes wolle, into any clothe, carſey, friſe, or cotton, ſo made and ſolde, or offred to be ſold, vpon paine to forfeicte euery ſuche clothe, carſey, fryſes, and cotton, wherin any ſuche yarne, heare, or flockes ſhalbe put, or the value of ſuche clothe, carſeis, or friſe.

And be it further enacted, that if at any tyme, aftre theſaid feaſt, any clothe through the defaulte, or negligence of the carders, ſpynners, or weauers, or any of them, ſhal, or do proue, either purſy, woudy, ſqually by warpe, or woufe, or els ſhal happen to be euell burled, or waſted in the mille, or els through the default, or negligence of the mil man, or otherwiſe to be ful of holes, mille brackes, or to be holy, that thẽ the ſeale of the alnegour ſhal not be fixed, or ſet to any ſuche clothe, any law, ſtatute, or vſage, to the contrarie in any wiſe, notwithſtanding, but the accuſtomable fees, and allouaunces of the alnegour ſhal neuertheles be paid, vpõ paine of forfeicture of ſuche whole cloth, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted, that if any clothier, or clothemaker do aftre theſaid

theſaid feaſt, put any clothe, or carſey to ſale, before he ſhal haue paied to the alnegour, or his deputie, the accuſtomable fee, or agree for the ſame, as he, ſhe, or thei haue bene accuſtomed, ſhall loſe and forfeict for euery default. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that no perſon, or perſons, Engliſh, denizē alien, or ſtraunger ſhal after theſaid feaſte cary, or tranſporte, or cauſe to be caried, or tranſported into any of the partes beyonde the ſea, any clothe, carſey, friſe, or cotton of the ſeuerall ſortes aboue recited, oneles the kinges ſeale, or alnegours ſeale of this Realme, and the ſeale of the owner, or maker of the cloth (declaryng therin the lēgth of the cloth as it ſhalbe in the water) be ſet vpō euery ſuche cloth vpō paine to forfeicte euery ſuch cloth lackyng ỹ ſame ſeales, or any of thē, or ỹ value therof.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that no draper, marchaunt tailour, clothworker, or other perſon, which ſhal retaile any of the clothes, or carſeis, friſes, rugges, or cottons, of the ſeuerall makynges aforeſaid, ſhal after theſaid feaſt put to ſale, any of the clothes afore mencioned, whereunto the alnegour ſhal haue ſet to the kynges ſeale, & ỹ owner his ſeale, til ſuch tyme, as he or thei haue made trial, aſwel by the water, as by the weight, & meaſure, whether thei & euery of them ſhalbe made according to the purport, and true meanyng of this acte, or no. And if any perſon, or perſones ſhall fynde any defectiue, or faultie cloth, in lēgth, waight, or meaſure, made cōtrary to thorder aforeſaid, that thē he, or thei ſhal preſent euery ſuche cloth to euery Maiour, Bailike, or other headofficer, or headofficers of euery citie, borough, or towne corporate, or to two iuſtices of peace, next adioyning out of a citie, borough, or towne corporate, where ſuche cloth ſhalbe foūde faultie as is aforeſaid, to thentēt theſame clothe may be cut into thre equal partes, & pieces. The one piece therof to be forfeicted to our ſouereigne lord the king, an other piece to be to ỹ preſenter therof, & the third part reſidewe to ſuch perſon, or perſons, as it then ſhalbe preſented to, vpon paine that euery ſuch perſon, as ſhal not ſo ſerche euery of the clothes, carſeis, cottōs, or friſes aforeſaid ſo by him to be bought, & ſolde, & ſhal not ſeiſe, & preſēte ſuch cloth, or clothes, as he, or thei ſhal finde defectiue as is aforeſaid, ſhal forfeict, & loſe the double value of euery ſuch cloth.

And be it further enacted that euery clothier, or other perſon whatſoeuer, which ſo ſhal ſelle any ſuche faultie carſey, cottons, or friſe wherunto the alnegeour, & the owner ſhal haue ſette their ſeales, and ſhal ſo be ſealed, as is aforeſaid, ſhall within. xiiij. daies nexte after requeſte made by writyng, meſſage, or otherwiſe, by ſuche perſon, whiche ſhal ſo buie ſuch cloth, make paimēt of ſuch ſommes of money, as he receiued for theſame, or ſhal otherwiſe ſatiſfie, diſcharge, and acquite hym for ſo muche money, as he ſhall, or ſhoulde haue receiued for theſame, vpon paine of forfaicture to the partie greued for euery one paiment, or not acquitalle as is aforeſaid, the double value of the money ſo receiued, or

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to be receiued, the same to be recouered by bille, plainte, accion of debte, or otherwyse, in any of the kynges Maiesties courtes of recorde, wherin no essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And for the further auoidyng of muche vntruth practised by stretchyng of clothes, be it enacted that no person, or persones shal after the said feast, straine, or stretche, or cause to be strained, or stretched any clothe, aboue one yarde in lengthe, and one haulfe quarter in breadthe vpon paine to forfeicte for euery suche defaulte. v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no person whiche shal after the saide feaste kepe, haue, vse, or occupie any taintour, shal haue, vse, or occupie any wrynche, rope, or tyng with the same tentour, or shall vse any other engine vnlawfully to straine, or stretche any clothe, or clothes, vpon paine that euery offendour that shal vse, or occupie any tentour, or other engyne to the contrary, shal forfeicte. xx. l.

And be it also enacted by lyke auctoritie, that if any marchaũt shal by any meanes transport, or cary ouer into the partes beyonde the sea, any clothe, carsey, frise, or cottõ, whiche shalbe found defectiue, or faultie, either in length, breadth, or weight, or els shal haue any of the faultes aforesaid, that then the marchaunt, or other person, whiche shall so transporte the same, shal retourne againe the same clothe, so founde defectiue, into England, at the costes & charges of the clothier, or clothemaker that sold the same clothe, the same costes, & thynges to be recouered against suche clothemaker, or clothier by acciõ of debt, bille, plaint or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, any promise, or bargaine to the contratie, notwithstandyng. vpon paine that euery marchaũt or other person, which shal not so retourne such faultie, or defectiue cloth, (if through misfortune, by tẽpeste, pirates, or enemies he be not letted) shal forfeicte & lose the value of the cloth so shipped & trãsported, & not retourned, as is aforesaid. Thone moitie therof to the kyng, & ỹ other moitie to hym that wil sue for the same by accion of debte, bille, plaunte, or enformacion, in whiche accions no essoine, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted for the defendaunt. And to thentent that it may be perfectly knowen, whiche clothes are perfecty dressed, died, & pressed with the cold presse, without fraude, couine, & deceipte, aswel within the citie of London, or elles where and haue sufficient workemanshippe,

Be it further enacted, that aswel the Maiour of the citie of London and Aldermen, or the moste parte of them, for the tyme beyng, as all, and euery other Maiour, Baillife, and other headofficer, or officers of euery Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate within this Realme, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, to nominate depute, and appoint from tyme to tyme, as occasion shall serue, and shall so from tyme to tyme, nominate, depute, and appoint two or mo honest discreate, & experte persons, whiche shal from time to tyme vpon there othes viewe, and serche al & euery clothe, and clothes, that shalbe dres-

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ſed, died, or preſſed with the colde preſſe within euery ſuche citie, boroughe, towne corporate, or porte towne, and viewe, & ſearche whether the ſame clothe, or clothes be wel & ſufficiētly dreſſed, & preſſed with ꝑ colde preſſe, without puttyng therto ſtockes, ſollace, chalke, flower, or any other deceiptful thyng, & alſo whether ꝑ ſame ſhalbe well & ſubſtātially died with good, and perfecte colours without any deceiueable thing, or whether it ſhalbe ſtretched, or ſtrained any more, thē is aboue ſpecified: & ſhal haue ful power & aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to entre into al & euery perſones houſe, or houſes, wher thei ſhal thinck mete, to ſearche, & to ſeaſe al, & euery ſuche clothe & clothes, as thei ſhal finde defectiue in the premiſſes, as forfeicted in whoſe handes ſo euer thei ſhalbe found. The moietie of which forfeicture ſhalbe to the vſe of our ſouereigne lord the kyng, & thother moietie to the vſe of the Maior, & cōmunaltie of the citie of Londō, or to the vſe of euery citie, boroughe, towne corporate, porte towne, or Market town, where the ſame ſhalbe ſeaſed.

And be it further enacted, that euery perſon, or perſons in whoſe hādes, or poſſeſſion ſuche defectiue, or faultie clothe, either by cuill, or deceiueable dyeng, dreſſyng, or preſſyng, as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe founde & ſeaſed, as is aforeſaid ſhal haue his, her, or their remedie by action of debte, bille, plainte, enformacion, or otherwyſe in any of the kynges Maieſties courtes of recorde wherein no eſſoine, protectiō, or wager of law ſhalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt againſt al, & euery ſuche perſon, or perſones, by whoſe defaultes, or negligēce ſuche clothe ſhal ſo be founde faultie, & ſhal thereby recouer all ſuche coſtes, loſſes, and damages as he ſhal ſuſteine by occaſion therof.

And be it further enacted by the ſame aucthoritie, that aſwel the ſaid Maiour of the citie of Londō, as euery other Maiour, Bailife, Porte rieue, or other headofficier of euery citie, boroughe, towne corporate, or porte towne, ſhal on thiſſide the ſaid feaſt, cauſe to be prepared a ſeale of leade, wherin aſwel the armes, as the name of euery ſuch citie, borough towne corporate, or porte towne ſhalbe graue, which the ſame ſearchers ſhal cauſe to be fixed to euery clothe ꝑ thei ſhal finde after the ſaid feaſte wel, & ſufficiently dreſſed, died, & preſſed with the colde preſſe without any of the deceiptes aforeſaid, & ſhall haue for their paines, & trauailes therin to be take, by the owner therof for the ſealing of euery cloth. ij. d.

And be it further enacted, ꝑ if any ſearcher, or ſearchers, ſo to be appointed, do after the ſaid feaſt find any of the clothes being coloured, or died, ſo made after ꝑ ſaid feaſt, either cokly, purſie, boudy, ſquallie, or rowie, or euil, burled, or waſted in ꝑ mille, or ful of holes, or breackes, ꝑ thē ꝑ ſame ſearcher, or ſearchers ſhal beſides ꝑ ſeale of the citie, borough, or town corporate, where ꝑ ſame cloth ſhalbe founde, put another ſeale of leade at euery end of ꝑ ſaid cloth, wherin ſhalbe graue ꝑ lettre F, & ſhal alſo ſet a marke in ꝑ liſte right againſt ſuch place, wher any of ꝑ faultes aforeſaid ſhalbe, w the print of a lettre, or marke of any ynche cōpaſſe

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at the leaſt, wherby euery buier may wel know what, & where ỹ fault is.

And be it further enacted that if any of the ſearchers aforeſaid ſhal ſette the ſeale of any citie, boroughe, towne corporate, or porte towne, to any coloured cloth, which ſhal not be ſufficiently dreſſed, died, preſſed & wrought, as is aforeſaid, that then the Maiour & cõmunaltie, or bailifes, or cõmunaltie, or other corporacion of the townelhippe by whatſoeuer name or names thei ſhalbe encorporated where ſuche cloth ſhal ſo be ſealed, ſhal forfeicte & loſe the whole valewe of the cloth ſo ſealed,

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, ỹ if any of the ſearchers aforeſaid, aftre the ſaid feaſte do ſette to the ſeale of the citie, boroughe, or towne corporate within the limites of their ſearche to any clothe whiche ſhalbe cockely, purſey, bawdie, ſquallie, rewie, euil burled waſted in the mille, or full of holes, as is afore ſaid, & not ſette at euery ende of the ſaid clothes one ſeale with the lettre. F. as is aforeſaid, & alſo declare by the liſtes, as is aforeſaied what & where the faultes of the cloth be: that then the Maiour & communaltie, or other the corporacion of euery ſuch Borough, citie, or towne corporate, where ſuche ſearcher ſhalbe appointed, ſhall forfeicte, & loſe for euery ſuche omiſſion, or not ſettyng to of any ſuche ſeale, as is aforeſaid. v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no perſon, or perſons whatſoeuer thei be, whiche cõmunely vſe to retaile clothe, or carſey, ſhall put to ſale, in groſſe, or by retaile to any maner of perſon, any maner of clothe whiche ſhalbe made aftre theſaid feaſt, beyng dreſſed, died, & preſſed, as is afore ſaid, except there be tyed therunto at euery ende of the ſame clothe, the ſeale of ſuche citie, boroughe, or towne corporate, where theſame clothe ſhalbe ſo died, dreſſed & preſſed, or the ſeueral ſeale of euery ſuche citie, borough, or towne corporate, where it ſhalbe died, dreſſed, preſſed, or to remaine at the laſte ende of euery of theſaid clothe, whiche ſhalbe ſolde duryng, & by al the tyme, that any piece, or tenaunt of ſuche clothe is to be ſold, vpõ paine of forfeicture the whole value of ſuche whole cloth.

And be it further enacted, that euery Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any citie, borough, or towne corporate, in whiche any ſuche cloth, or clothes after the ſaid feaſt ſhalbe made, died, dreſſed, or preſſed with the colde preſſe, as is aforeſaid, whiche doeth not, or ſhal not after theſaid feaſte of S. Myghel nominate and appoint from tyme to tyme ſo many ſearchers as ſhalbe requiſite to viewe & ſearche clothes vpon their othes, as is aforeſaid, ſhal loſe, and forfeicte for euery default. x. l.

And be it further enacted that if any of theſaid ſearchers ſo to be appointed by the Maiour beyng a freeman of theſaid citie, or by the Maiour, Bailyfe, or other headofficer of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, as is aforeſaied haupng no reaſonable excuſe, do refuſe to take vpon hym to be a ſearcher, and do not vſe the office of a ſearcher, as is aforeſaid ſhal forfeicte, & loſe for euery ſuche refuſal, and not executyng of his office ſo to hym appointed, v. l. The one haulfe thereof to

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be to the kyng our souereigne lorde, and thother halfe, to the vse of the communaltie of euery citie, borough, or towne corporate, where he shal so be assigned, and to remayne in warde till suche tyme, as he hath made payment of the saied forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bondes for the satisfaction of the same. And forasmuche as there be now in this tyme many false, & deceiuable colours made, in diuers places of this realme, whereby many of the kynges louing subiectes are deceiued,

Be it enacted, that frō & after the sayd feast of sainct Michael tharchaūgel next cōming, no person, or persones, shal put to sale by retayle within this realme, any clothe, or clothes, whiche shalbe made after the said feast, of any other colour, or colours, thē is hereafter expressed, that is to say, Skarlet, redde, crymosen, murrey, violet, puke, Broun, blew, Blackes, grenes, yellowes, blewes, Orenge tawney, russet, marble, gray sad newe colour, Azure, watchet, Shepes colour, Liō colour, Mottley or yron gray, vpon payne that euery persone offending to the contrary, shall lose and forfeit the valew of the cloth sold by retayle, whiche shal be of any other coloure.

And be it further enacted, that no persone, or persones, after the said feaste of saincte Michaell Tharchaungell, shall presse any kynde of cloth, with the whote presse, or in any other kynd of deceiuable maner, but only with the cold presse, as is aboue specified, vpon paine of forfeiture of the whole cloth so pressed contrary to the meanyng of this statute, or the valewe thereof.

And be it further enacted, that if any persone, or persones, but suche as are appointcted, assigned, and permitted, by this acte, do at any time after the said feast, counterfecte sette to, or take away frō any of the clothes, Carseis, frelys, rugges, or cottons aforesaied, any of the seales so to be fixed, as is aboue recited, that then euery persone so offendyng, shall for the first offence (beyng therof duely conuicted, by verdicte of xii. men, by two sufficient witnesses, or by confession of the partie) forfeite, and lose. x. l. and for the seconde offence (beyng likewise thereof cōuicted) shall sitte on the pillourie, and lose, & forfeite, to our seuereigne lorde the kyng, all suche his goodes and cattelles (his debtes beyng duely & truly paide, without fraude or couine) as he had, or shall haue at the tyme of his conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that if betwene the first day of May nexte commyng, and the feaste of sainct Michael Tharchaungell, then nexte commyng, any persone, or persones, whiche nowe dothe vse the arte or mistery of drappyng, or cloth makyng, shal geue ouer drappyng or cloth makyng, excepte he be licenced so to do, by thre iustices of peace, at the leaste of the citie, countie, borough, or toune corporate, where he dwelleth, vpon some reasonable cause shewed vnto the said iustices, shall neuer after take vpon hym to make, or cause to be made, any kynde of cloth or carsey, to sell the same agayne, vpon payne of forfeiture of euery suche

ry suche clothe or carsey that be shall so sell.

And be it further enacted, that all and euery article, clause, or sentence, in any acte of parlament heretofore made, concernyng makyng, dyeng, dressyng, pressyng, serchyng, or sealyng, of any of the kyndes of clothes, brode or narowe, white, or coloured, carseis, frieses, rugges or cottons, heretofore in this acte mencioned, and beyng repugnaunt, or contrariant to any article or sentence in this statute, shall fro the feaste of saincte Michaell Tharchaungel next, be vtterly voide, and of none effecte. And to thentent, that all suche clothes as shalbe made within this realme, or any other the kinges dominiōs, after thesaid feast, shal be the better knowen frō the other clothes made before thesame time:

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that from after thesaid feast, the letter. E. crouned, shall not be wrought into the clothe, for, and by the space of two yeres then next ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeiture of twenty. s̄. for euery clothe or carsey, wherein thesaide letter. E. shall so be wrought, the moytie of all whiche forfeicture and of all other forfeictures before expressed, and not otherwyse appoincted by this presente Acte, shall be to the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, and the other moitie, to hym or them that will sue for thesame, by accion of debte, detynewe, byll, playnte, or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, wherein no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shalbe admitted nor allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aboue sayde, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone, or persones, at any tyme after the feaste of sainc Michaell Tharchaungell, next commyng, to boyle or cause to be boyled, any kynde of wolles, to be conuerted into any kynde of brode clothe, or Carsey, with any kynde of galles, ryndes, barkes of trees, or sawe dust, vpon payne to forfeicte al suche wolle or the value thereof, to be recouered, and had in suche fourme and sorte, as in the foresayd acte is limited and expressed.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wise extende to any clothe or clothes, made in the toune of Tauestocke, in the countie of Deuonshere, or els where, within the sayd countie commonly called Tauestocke clothes, but that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery enhabitauntes of the sayde toune, or makers of thesayde clothes, commonly called Tauestockes, to make and sell thesame with the accustomed seale, as they haue heretofore bene accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wyse not withstandyng.

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¶ The. viij. Chapiter.

❧ An acte limityng the tymes for buyeng and sellyng of Wolles.

FOr asmuche as the great plentie of wolles within this Realme, ought by all reason to cause thesame to be of conuenient and resonable prices, yet by the gredy and couetous myndes, aswell of suche as haue the great plenty and aboundaunce of shepe and wolles, as also by the corrupte practises of diuers Broggers, engrossers, wolle gatherers, and regratours, and sondrie other persones, by the hauyng to muche libertie of buyng, keppng, vsyng, and occupiyng of the same wolles, it manifestly appereth, that the prices therof be wōderfully and exredyngly enhaunced and rayse, to the great hurt, detryment, and decaie of the Realme:

Be it therefore ordeined, establyshed, and enacted, by thauctho̅ritie of this present Parlamente, that no maner of persone or persones beyng borne within the Kynges obeisaunce, shall after the laste daie of Maie nexte, buye, bargayne, take or make, any promes, or bargayne of wolles, but onely suche persone or persones, his wife, or his, or their apprentyce, or apprentices, enhabytyng in his, or their mansion house, or houses, as shall of thesayde wolles make yarne, any kynde of clothe, chamblettes, wolsteade, Sayes, stampne, knytte hose, knitte peticotes, knitte gloues, knitte slieues, hattes, coyues, cappes, arrasse, tapesserie, couerlectes, girdles, or any other thyng vsed to be made of wolle, or myxed with wolle, within the realme: or elles a merchaunt or merchauntes of Thestaple at Calleis, or his, or their apprentice, or apprentices, dwellyng in his, or their, mansion house, or houses, to be shipped only to thestaple at Calleis, vpon payne of forfeyture of the double value of thesayde wolles so to be bought, or bargayned, or taken by promyse of bargayne, contrary to this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayd, that no merchaunt straunger, after the. xx. daie of Apryll next commyng, by hym selfe, or by any other persone or persones for him, in his name, or to his vse, in any yere after thesayd. xx. daie of Apryll then to come, shall bargayne or buye any wolles, before the feast of the Purificatiō of our lady next after the clippyng or shearyng of thesame wolles, vpon payne of forfecture of the double value of thesame wolles.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesayde, that no maner of persone or persones, hauyng any wolle or wolles, of his or their owne groweth, shall at any tyme after the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte Jhon Baptiste next comming, kepe thesame wolles, to thentent

to ſell theſame in wolle vnwrought, ouer and aboue one whole yeare next, and immediatly after the ſheryng of theſame wolles: So as there be offered without fraude or coune to the owner and owners thereof, within theſame tyme, ſuche prize as then ſhalbe moſte communely geuen in theſame Shiere for wolle, of lyke goodneſſe and packyng, vpon payne of forfeicture for euery todde or todde weyght therof ſo kepte aboue one yeare vnſolde, as is aforeſayde, the ſomme of. x. ſ. the moitie of all and euery ſuche forfeiture and forfeitures, penaltie or penalties before reherſed, to be to the vſe of our ſouereygne lorde the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, and the other half to the vſe of hym that wil ſue for the ſame, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action of debte, byll, playnt, informacion, or otherwyſe, wherin no wager of law, protection or eſſoyne ſhalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaies, that the merchauntes of Newe Caſtle, and other perſones, may buye wolles of the growth of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Weſtmerlande, Rychemonde, and Allerton ſhiere, or the Biſſhopricke of Dureſme, to thentent to ſhyppe or tranſporte theſame into the parties beyonde the Sea, as they haue bene accuſtomed, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

Prouided alſo and be it enacted, that the Merchauntes of the Staple, maye from tyme to tyme, bargeyne or ſelle, their refuſe courſe wolles, and locques, ſuche as is not mete for theſayde Staple, to any perſone, or perſones, that will buye the ſame to make yarne or clothe, or other thynges, as is aboue ſayde, within this Realme, ſo as the ſame be ſhotte and packed by the wolle packer, declaryng of what packyng or countrey the refuſe or locques be, and wrytyng vpon the clothes wherein theſayde refuſe wolle is packed in great lettres, as they do vpon the wolles that is ſhypped to Calais.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aboueſayde, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to the kynge our ſouereygne lorde by his proclamacion, at any tyme hereafter to be made and ſette furth, to repeale this Statute, and all and euery article, clauſe, ſentence, and other thyng, and thynges, therein conteyned, and to make theſame voyde to all ententes, and purpoſes, as thoughe this Acte had neuer bene had or made, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, not withſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, that the Acte made at the firſte ſeſſion of thys Parlament holden, in the firſte yeare of the reygne of our ſouereygne lorde the kynge, called and entitled the acte for the continuaunce of makyng of Worſted yarne in Norfolke, and euery article and clauſe thereof, ſhall remayne and continue in full force, vertue and ſtrength. And that all perſones enhabityng, or that ſhall enhabite, within the ſayde Countie of Norfolke, or Citie of Norwiche, and euery of them

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ſhall and may buye, and ſell, woolles growyng within the ſayde Countie of Norfolke, accordyng to the purporte, true effecte, and plaine meanyng of the ſayde Acte, made in the ſayde fyrſte yeare of the reigne of our ſayde ſouereigne Lorde the Kyng, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary thereof, in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

¶ The. viij. Chapiter.

An Acte limityng what perſones ſhall weaue or make brode wollen clothe.

BE it enacted by the aſſent of the Kynges Maieſtie the Lordes ſpirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this Parlamente aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that no perſone, or perſones within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kynges Dominions, after the feaſte of ſaincte Michaell the Archaungell next enſuyng, ſhall weaue, or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, any maner of brode wollen clothe, or brode wollen clothes, to be ſolde, onles that ſuche perſone, or perſones, that ſhall ſo weaue or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, the ſayd brode wollen clothe, or clothes, ſo to be made to be ſolde, haue bene an apprentice to the occupacion of brode wollen clothe makyng, or clothes weauyng, or haue bene exerciſed and practyſed in, and with brode clothe makyng, or clothe weauyng, by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares at the leaſt, before the ſame perſone, or perſones, ſhall ſo take vpon hym, or them, to make, or weaue, or to putte to weauyng, or makyng, the ſayde brode wollen clothes, vpon payne to forfeicte all, and euery ſuche clothe, and clothes, ſo wouen, or made, contrarie to the fourme of this acte: the one halfe of whiche forfeicture, ſhalbe to our ſouereigne lorde the Kynge, and the other halfe, to hym or them, that will, or ſhall, ſue for the ſame, by bill, playnte, action of debte, or enformacion, in any courte of Recorde, within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, in whiche action, ſute, playnt, bil, or informacion, no eſſoyne, protection, or plea to the iuriſdiction of the Courte, ſhall be allowed for the defendaunt.

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¶ The.ix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte that no man robbyng any house, Bouthe, or Tente, shalbe admitted to the benefite of his Clergie.

WHere at the Parlament holde at Westminster, by prorogacion, in the.xxiij. yeare of the reigne of the late king of famous memory, kyng Henry the.viij. It was among other thinges, then and there enacted, established, and ordened, by aucthoritie of the same parlamēt, that no persone nor persones, whiche after that time should happen to be founde giltie, after the lawes of this Realme, for any maner petie treason, or for any wilful murther of malice prepensed, or for robbyng of any churches, chappelles, or other holy places, or for robbyng of any persone, or persones, in their dwellyng houses, or dwellyng places, the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, his childzen, or seruauntes, then beyng within, and put in feare, or dread by thesame, or for robbing of any persone, or persons, in, or nere about the high waies or for wilfull burnyng of any dwellyng houses, or barnes, wherin any grayne, or corne, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persons, beyng founde giltie of any abettement, procurement, maintenyng, or cōcealyng of any, or to any suche petie treason, murthers, or fellonies, should from thencefurth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their clergie, but vtterly to be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes, or offences abouesayd, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within the holy ordets, that is to saie, of the ordets of Subdeacon or aboue, alonely excepted, as by thesame acte amonges other thynges more playnely appereth, whiche acte was made to endure vntill the last daie of the next parlament, and after that at the session of the parlament holden at Westminster by prorogacion, in the.xxvij. yere of the reigne of thesayd late kyng thesame acte with other actes, was made to continue for euer. Sythen the makyng of whiche statute, it hath bene doubted, that if suche robberies and fellonies, hath bene committed and done in dwellyng houses, and dwellyng places, the owner, or dweller, in thesame houses, his wife, his childzen, or seruaūtes, beyng then put in feare, or dread, by the same shal not lose the benefite of their clergie, if the offendours be ther in founde giltie by the lawes of this realme, onles thesame robberie, or fellonie be cōmitted and done, in the very chāber, house, or place, where the owner or dweller, in thesame house, his wife, childzē or seruauntes, shall happen to be, or lie at the time of suche robberie, and fellonie committed & done, and put in feare or dread, although the owner & dweller in suche houle, and houses, his wife, his childzen, or seruauntes, at

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the time of ſuche robberie, and fellonie committed, & done, were or layē in other places, within the precinct of theſame dwellyng houſes, nygh vnto the houſe or place, where ſuche robberie, and fellonie ſhal happē to be done. Or if it happen that the owner, or dweller, within theſame houſe, where ſuche robberie, & fellonie, ſhal happen to be done, his wife childzen, or ſeruauntes, to be aſſepe, at the time of ſuche robberie, & fellonie, cōmitted & done, although theſame robbery were done in the chā-ber, or place, where the owner or dweller in theſame houſe, his wife, childzen, or ſeruauntes, then laie, the offendours beyng founde giltie there of accordyng to the lawes of the lande, ſhould not loſe the benefite and aduauntage of his Clergie: And where alſo it hath bene in queſtion, & doubted, that if ſuche robberies, and fellonies, happen to be cōmitted, and done, in any bouth, or bouthes, tent, or tētes, in any faier or market the owner of theſame, his wife, childzē, or ſeruauntes, happē to be with in theſame, at the time of the cōmittyng of ſuch fellonies, & put in feare and dzead, the offendours therein beyng founde giltie, after the lawes of this realme, ſhould not loſe the benefite of their clergie. For the true declaracion & explanatiō of theſame doubtes, or queſtiōs, before recited

Be it enacted, ordeined, and eſtabliſhed, by the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall, and tempozall, and the cōmons in this pre-ſent parlament aſſembled, and by the aucthozitie of theſame, that if it happen any perſone, or perſones, to be founde giltie, accozdyng to the lawes of this realme, for robbyng of any perſone, or perſons, after the firſt day of May next enſuyng in any parte or parcel of their dwelling houſes, or dwellyng places, the owner, or dweller, in theſame houſe, or his wife, his childzen, or ſeruauntes, being then within theſame houſe, or place, where it ſhal happen theſame robbery, & fellonie, to be cōmit-ted and done, or in any other place within the precinct of theſame houſe or dwellyng place, that ſuche offēdours, ſhal in no wiſe be admitted to their Clergie, whether the owner or dweller in theſame houſe, his wife, or childzen, then, and there beyng, ſhalbe wakyng, or ſleping. And that no perſone, nor perſones, whiche after theſaide firſt day of May, ſhall happen to be founde giltie, after the lawes of this Realme, of, and for robbyng any perſone, or perſones, in any bouthe, or tente, in any fayze or market, the owner, his wyfe, his chyldzen, or ſeruauntes, or ſeruaunt then beyng within theſame bouthe, or tente, ſhall not from hencefurth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but vtterly be ex-cluded thereof, and ſuffre death, in ſuche maner and fourme, as is be-fore mencioned in theſayde acte, made in theſayde, xxiij. yere of the re-igne of theſame late kyng, for robberies, and fellonies, committed, and done, in dwellyng houſes, and dwellyng places, the owner, or dweller, in theſame, his wife, childzen, or ſeruauntes, then beyng within theſame and put in feare & dzead, without hauing any reſpect or conſideracion whether the owner or dweller in ſuche Bouthes, and Tentes, his wife

childrē, or seruaūtes, beyng in thesame Bouthes, or Tentes at the time of suche robberies and fellonies, cōmitted, shalbe slepyng, or wakyng.

¶ The.x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte to take away the benefite of Clergie from suche as robbe in one shiere, and flie into another.

WHere in the parlamēt holdē at Westminster, vpō prorogacion the.xv. day of January, in the.xxv. yere of ye reigne of our late souereigne lorde kyng Henry the eighte: It is recited that at the parlamente holden at Westminster, in the.xxiij. yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng, amonges other thynges, ther it was ordeined established, and enacted, that no persone or persones, which after that tyme should happen to be found giltie after the lawes of this lāde, of any maner of petie treason, or for any wilful murther of malice prepensed, or for robbyng of any churches, chapelles, or other holie places, or for robbyng of any persone, or persones, in their dwellyng houses, or dwellyng places, the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, his children, or seruauntes, then beyng within, and put in feare & dread by thesame, or for robbyng of any persone, or persons, in, or nere about the hyghe waye, or for wilfull burnyng of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherin any grayne of cornes, shuld happē to be, nor any person. or persons, beyng found giltie of any abbettemēt, procurement, helpyng, maintenyng, or concelyng, of, or to any suche petie treason, murthers, or fellonies, should from thencefurth be admitted, to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but should vtterly be excluded thereof and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences abouesaied, if they were no clerckes, whiche acte extended, but only where suche offendour was cōuicted in suche countie or place, where suche offence was so committed and done, and not where he, or they, did suche offence in one countie, & were taken with the maner in another countie: Wherefore it was considered, that for asmuche, as diuers and many fellōs, and robbers, that committe and do, diuers and many great heynous robberies, and burglaries, in one shiere, & conueie the spoyle and robberie into any other shiere, & there be takē, endicted, & arreigned of fellonie, of the fellonous stealyng of thesame goodes, in thesame other shiere, then wher thesame robberies, or burglaries, were done, and cōmitted, and not of thesame robberie nor burglarie, for that it it was not done nor committed, in the same shiere, where they be so endicted, and arreigned, and that by reason thereof, such fellons, robbers, and burglares, had, and enioyed the priuilege, and aduauntage of their clergie:

For redresse whereof, it was enacted in thesayde Parlament holden in thesayde fyue and twenty yeare of thesayde late Kynge, that if any persone

persone or persones, after that tyme, after suche robberie or burglarie, by hym or them done in one Countie, should be endited of fellonie for stealyng of any goodes or cattalles, in any other Countie wythin this Realme, and there vpon arreigned and founde gyltie, or stande mute of malice or chalenge peremtorie aboue the nombre of twenty persones, or would not vpon his or their sayde arreignement directly aunswere to thesame fellonie, that then thesame persone, and persones, so arreigned, and founde gyltie, or standing mute of malice, or chalengyng peremptorie aboue the nõbre of twenty persones, or that would not directly aunswere to the lawe, should lose and be put from the benefite of his or their Clergie, in like maner and fourme, as they should haue bene, if they had bene endited, arreyned, and founde giltie in the same Countie where suche robberie, or burglarie, as is aforesayd was done or committed, if it should appere to the iustices, before whome any such felons or robbers should be arreigned, by euidence geuẽ before thẽ or by examinacion, that thesame felons & burglares, should haue bene put from their Clergie, in case they had bene indited, arreigned, & found giltie in thesame Countie, where thesame robberies or burglaries wer committed or done, as in thesame Statute made in the sayde. xv. yere among other thynges more plainely appereth. And where in the parlament holden at Westminster, the fourth date of Nouember, in the first yere of the reigne of our souereigne lorde the kyng that nowe is.

It is ordeined and enacted, amonges other thinges, that no persone or persones, that before that tyme had bene, or at any tyme after should be in due forme of the lawes attaynted, or conuicted of murther, of malice prepensed, or of poysonyng of malice prepensed, or of breaking of any house, by date or by nyght, any persone beyng then in thesame house, where thesame breakyng had bene, or after that tyme should be cõmitted, beyng put in feare or dread, or of, or for robbyng of any persone, or persones, in the high waye, or nere to the high waye, or for fellonious stealing of horses, geldings or mares, or of fellonious taking of any goodes out of any parothe churche, or other churche, or chappell, or beyng indited or appealed, of any of thesame offences, and ther vpon founde giltie, by verdicte of. xii. men, or should confesse thesame vpon his or their arreignement, or would not aunswere directly, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, or should stande wilfully, or of malice mute, should not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie, or Sanctuarie, but should be put from thesame, and that in all other cases of fellonie, other then suche as be before mencioned, al and singuler persone, & persones, whiche after the first date of Marche then next followyng, should be areigned or found giltie vpon his or their arreignement, or should confesse thesame, or stande mute, in fourme afore sayde, or would not aunswere directly in fourme aboue sayde, should haue and enioye the priuilege & benefite

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of his, or their Clergie, and the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuary, in lyke maner and fourme as he, or they myght, or should haue done, before the .xxiiij. daye of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of thesayde late kyng Henry the eyght, as in thesayde acte made, in thesayd firste yere among other thynges more playnely appereth, by reason of whiche article, and clause, conteyned in thesaide acte, made in thesayde first yere, the sayde statute made in thesaide .xxv. yere of thesayde late kyng, which did put suche fellones and burglaries, from their Clergie, that do suche offence in one Countie, and after are taken with the goodes stolen in an other Countie, and there endicted, arreygned, and founde giltie, was made voyde. By reason wherof, diuers and many persones that sythen thesayde first yere haue committed suche robberies & burglaries, in one Countie, and after haue bene taken with the maner in an other Countie, and there endicted, arreined, and found giltie haue had and enioyed their Clergie, whiche they could not haue had in case the sayde acte, made in the sayd .xxv. yere, had stande in force, to the greate boldyng and comforte of suche offendours.

For redresse whereof from hencefurth to be had, be it enacted by auc̄thoritie of this present parlament, that thesayd acte made in thesayde .xxv. yere, touchyng the puttyng of such offendours from their Clergie. and euery article, clause and sentence, conteined in thesame, touchyng Clergie, shall from hencefurth touchyng suche offences, frō hencefurth to be committed and done, stande remayne, and be in full strength and vertue, in suche maner and fourme, as it did before the makyng of the sayde acte, made in thesayde first yere of the reigne of our sayde souereigne lorde the kyng that nowe is, any clause, article, or sentence, comprysed in thesayde acte, made in thesayd first yere, to the contrary there of not withstandyng.

¶ The .xi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the punyshement of diuers Treasons.

FOR asmuche as it is moste necessarie, both for cō mon pollicie, and dutie of subiectes aboue al thinges to prohibite, restrayne and extincte, all maner of shamefull Slaunders, whiche myght growe, happen, or arise to their souereigne lorde the kynges Maiestie, whiche when they be heard, sene or vnderstande, cannot be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and louyng subiectes, if in any poyncte they may doe or shall touche his Maiestie, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this realme, without prouidyng wherfore, to great a scope of vnreasonable libertie should be geuē to al cancred & traiterours hartes, & the kinges

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louyng ſubiectes, ſhould not declare vnto their ſouereigne lorde nowe beyng, which vnto them hath bene, and is moſte entierly both beloued, and eſteemed, their vndoubted ſincerite and truthe:

Be it therefore enacted, by thaſſent, and conſente of our ſouereigne lord the kyng, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the cõmons of this preſent parlament aſſembled, and by thaucthoritie of theſame, that if any perſon or perſones, after the firſt day of June, next cõming, by open preachyng, expreſſe wordes or ſaiynges, do expreſſely directly, and aduiſedly, ſette furthe and affirme, that the kyng that nowe is, is an hereticke, ſciſmatike, tiraũt, infidele, or vſurper of the croune, or that any his heires or ſucceſſours, to whom the croune of this Realme is limited by aucthoritie of parlamente, holden in the. xxxv. yeare of the reygne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, beyng in lawfull poſſeſſion of the croune, is an hereticke, ſciſmaticke, tyraunte, infidele, or vſurper of the croune: That then euery ſuche offendour beyng thereof duely conuicted or atteynted by the lawes of this Realme, their abbettours, procurours, and counſeilours, and al and euery their aydours, & comfortours, knowyng theſayed offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their, ſuche firſte offence, ſhall loſe and forfecte to the kyng, all his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſhall haue and ſuffre impryſonnement, of his & their bodies, at the kynges will and pleaſure. And if any perſone beyng ones conuicted, or atteinted, of any of theſayde ofkences, ſhall after his ſayde conuictiõ, or atteinder eftſones cõmitte, or perpetrate any of the offences before mencioned, in fourme aforeſayde committed and ſhalbe thereof duely conuicted or atteynted, by the lawes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, their abbettours, procurours, & counſeillours, & al and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng theſayd offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſeconde offence or offences, ſhall loſe and forfecte vnto the kyng, the whole yſſues and profectes, of all his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, & other ſpirituall promotions, for terme of the life, of ſuche offendour or offendours, and ſhall alſo loſe and forfecte vnto the kyng, all his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſuffre, duryng his and their liues perpetuall imprſonnement of his and their bodies.

Prouided alwayes, that ſuche of the ſayde ſpirituall promotions, as ſhalbe charged with cure, be alwaies by the kynges Maieſtie, and his heyres and ſucceſſours, ſufficiently furnyſſhed of a Curate, for the diſcharge of theſame. And if any perſone beyng twoo tymes hereafter conuicted or atteynted, of any of theſame offences, in fourme aforeſayde committed, ſhall after hys ſeconde conuiction or atteynder, eftſones committe or perpetrate agayne, any of the ſayde offences in fourme aforeſayde, and be thereof duely conuicted or atteynted, by the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche

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thirde offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh Treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurours, and counsellours, and all and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng the said offences, or any of them to be done, beyng ther of conuicted or atteinted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of thys realme, shalbe iudged and demed high traitours, and shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfeite all their goodes, and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, wherof he, or they, shalbe seysed of an estate of en heritaunce, in his, or their owne right, to the kyng, as in cases of hyghe treason.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that if any person, or persones, at any time after the sayd first day of June next comyng by writyng, printyng, paintyng, karuyng, or grauyng, do directly, expresselv, and aduisedly publishe, set furth and affirme, that the kyng that now is, or any his heires, or successours, limited as is afore sayd, is an heretick, schismatick, tyraunt, infidell, or vsurper of the crowne, that then euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh treasons, and the offendour, and offendours, ther abbettours, procurours, and counsellours: and all and euery their aydours and comfortours, knowyng the sayd offences, or any of them to be done, being thereof conuicted or atteinted, accordyng to the lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe deamed and adiudged high Traitours, and shall suffre paynes of death, and loose and forfeicte all their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person, or persones, after the said first day of June next cõmyng, rebelliously do deteine, kepe, or withholde, from our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successors, any of his or their castles, forteresses, fortresses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominiõs or marches, or rebelliously, kepe, deteine, or withholde frõ the kynges said highnes, his said heires, or successours, any of his or their shippes ordinaunces, artillerie, or other munitions, or fortificaciõs of warre & do not obediẽtly render & geue vp to our said souereigne lord, his said heires or successours, or to suche persones as shalbe deputed by theim, or any of thẽ, suche castelles, forteresses, fortresses, holdes, shippes, ordinañces, artillerie, or other municiõs & fortificatiõs of war, rebelliously kept, & deteined, within sixe daies next after they shalbe cõmaunded by our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successors, by opẽ proclamation vnder the great seale, thesame proclamaciõ to be made in such place & order, so as the partie & parties, to be charged by this acte, may cõuenientlv haue notice or knowledge therof: that then euery suche persone, or persones, so offẽding, in any the premisses, after the said first day of June, their abbettours, procurours, & coũsellours, & al & euery their aydours

aidours and comfortors, knowyng the said offences, or any of them, to be doen, beyng lawfully conuicted, of the rebellyously keppyng and deteinyng thereof, accordyng to the lawes and Statutes of this realme, shalbee adiudged traitours, and shall suffre paines of death, and lose and forfaict all their goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes, vnto the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kynges subiectes, Denisens or other, do commit or practise, out of the limites of this realme in any outward partes, any the offences, whiche by this act are made, or heretofore now standyng in force, haue been made treason, that then suche treasõs, whatsoeuer thei be, or wher soeuer thei shall happen, so to bee dooen or committed, shalbe enquired and presented, by the othes of .xii. good and lawfull menne, vpon good and probable euidence and witnesse, in suche shiere and countie of this realme, and before suche persones, as it shall please the kyng, his saied heires or successours, to appoynct by commission vnder his great seale in like maner and fourme, as treasons committed within this realme, haue been vsed to be enquired of, and presented. And that vpon euery endictement and presentment, foũden and made of any suche treasons, and certefied into the kynges Benche, like processe and other circumstaunce shalbe then made, and had against the offendors, as if thesame treason so presented, had been lawfully found to be doen and committed, within the limites of this realme. And that all processe of outlawry hereafter to be made, had, within this realme, against any offendors in treason, beeyng resiaunt or enhabitaunt, out of the limites of this realme, or in any the partes beyond the sea, at the tyme of the outlawry, pronounced against them, shalbe as good and effectuall in the law, to all ententes and purposes, as if any suche offendours, had been resident and dwellyng in this realme, at the tyme of suche processe awarded, and outlawrie pronounced.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that if the partie, so hereafter to be outlawed, shall within one yere next after the said outlawry pronounced, or iudgement geuen vpon the said outlawrie, yeld hymself vnto the chief Iustice of England, for the time beyng, and offre to trauers the endictment or appeale, whereupon the saied outlawrie shalbe pronounced as is aforesaied, that then he shalbe receiued to the saied trauerse, and beyng thereupon found not guiltie, by the verdicte of xii men, he shalbe clerely acquited and discharged of the saied outlawrie, and of all penalties and forfeictures, by reason of the same, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as though no suche outlawry had been made, any thyng herein contained, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that euery offendour and offendours, beyng hereafter lawfully conuicte, of any

maner of high treason, by presentment, confession, verdicte, or processe of outlawrie, accordyng to the due course, and custome of the lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfeicte to the Kynges highnes, his heires and successours aforesaied, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offendour, or offendours shall haue, of any estate of enheritaunce, in his awne right, in vse, or possession, within this realme of Englande, or els where, within any the Kynges dominions, at the tyme of any suche treasons committed, or at any tyme after.

And it is further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that no person or persons, shall in any wise be empeched for any of the offences aboue saied, committed onely by open preachyng of wordes, onles the offendour, or offendours, be thereof accused, within three monethes next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, and that thesame accusacion, or accusacions, be had, made, and declared, to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of the Peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to twoo Justices of the Peace within the Shiere, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to bee doen or committed, any thyng conteined in this acte, to the contrary thereof in anywise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it declared and enacted, by thauctho*r*itie aforsaid, that concelement, or keppyng secrete of any high treason, be demed and taken, onely misprison of treason, and thoffendor therin, to forfeict and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason, as heretofore hath been vsed, any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted, by thauctho*r*itie aforesaied, that no persone or persones, after the first daie of Junenext cõmyng, shalbe endicted, arreigned, condempned, conuicted, or attainted, for any of the treasons or offences aforesaied, or for any other treasons, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, whiche shal hereafter be perpetrated, committed or doen, onles thesame offendor or offendors, be therof accused, by .ii. lawfull accusers, whiche said accusers, at the time of tharreignement of the partie accused, if thei be then liuyng, shalbe brought in persone before the partie so accused, and auowe & maintein, that that thei haue to saie, against thesaid partie, to proue him guiltie of the treasons or offences, conteined in the bill of endictement laied against the partie arreigned, onles thesaid partie arreigned, shall willyngly without violence, confesse thesame. Sauyng to euery person and persons, their heires & successors, othen then thoffendors and their heires, and suche persone and persones, as claime to any their vses, all suche rightes, titles, interest, possessions, leases, rentes, reuersions, offices, and other profites, whiche thei, or any of them shall haue, at the date of cõmittyng suche treasons, or at any tyme after, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer been had, nor made.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by thauctho*r*itie aforsaid, that the

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wife or wifes, whose husbande or husbandes, hereafter shalbe atteinted of treasons specified in this acte, or of any other treasons whatsoeuer thei be, shal in no wise be receiued, to alke, chalenge, demaunde, or haue dowry, of any the landes, tenemētes, or hereditamentes, of any the persone or persones, to be atteinted of treason, as is aforesaid, duryng the saied atteindour in his force, any thyng before mencioned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

¶ The. xiii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the declaracion of a statute, made for the mariage of prieستes, and for the legitimacion of their childzen.

ALbeit, that at the Session of this Parlament, holde by prorogacio at Westminster, the. iiii. date of Nouembre, in the second yere of the reigne of the kynges maieste that now is, it was ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie of thesame Parlament, that al and euery lawe, and lawes positiue, Canons, constitucios and ordinaunces before that made, by the auctoritie of man onely, whith then did prohibite and forbid mariage, to any Ecclesiasticall & spirituall persone, or persones, of what estate, condicion, or degree, thei then wer, or by what name or names so euer, thei then wer called, whiche by gods lawe, might lawfully marie, and all and euery article, draunche, & sentence, concernyng onely the prohibicion for the mariage of the persons aforesaid, should be vtterly voyde, and of none effect: And that all maner of forfeitures paines, penalties, crimes or accions, whiche wer in thesaid lawes conteined, or of thesame did folowe, cōcernyng the prohibicion, for the mariage of the persones aforesaied, should bee clerely and vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, alwell cōcernyng mariage afore that tyme, made by any of the Ecclesiasticall, or spirituall persones aforesaid, as also suche, whiche there after should be duely and lawfully had, celebrated, and made betwixte the persones, whiche by the lawes of God might lawfully marie. Yet, sence the makyng of thesaied acte, diuerse euill disposed persones, peruersely takyng occasion, of certein woordes and sentences, in thesame acte compriſed, haue, and do vntruly, and very slaunderously report of prieستes Matrimonie, saiyng, that thesame statute, is but a permission of prieستes Matrimonie, as Vsurie, and other vnlawfull thynges, bee now permitted, for thescheuyng of greater inconuenience, and euils, so that thereby, the lawfull Matrimonie of prieستes, in the opinion of many, and the childzen procreate, and borne in suche lawfull Matrimonie rather be of great a nomber, of the kynges subiectes, accompted as bastardes, then lawfully borne, to the greate slaunder, perill, and dishersion of suche childzen. Whiche vntrue slaūderous reprooche of holy matrimonie, doeth not onely redounde, to the high dishonor of almightie

God, but also to the kynges maiesties dishonor, and his high courte of Parlament, and the learned clergie of this Realme, who haue determined the same, to be moste lawfull, by the lawe of God, in their conuocacion, aswell by their common assent, as by the subscripcion of their handes. And that moste of all is to bee lamented, through suche vncomely railynges of matrimonie, and slaunderous reproches of the clergie, the worde of God is not heard with reuerence, folowed with diligence, the godly procedynges of the kynges maiestie, not receiued with due obedience, and therby the welthie men of this realme discouraged, to nourishe and bryng vp their childrē in learnyng, so as it is to be feared, lest in place of good learnyng and knowlege, shall crepe in ignorauce, and for learned men, vnlearned ambicious men, and flaterers, to the great displeasure of almightie God, & to the perill of the whole state of Gods true religion, within this realme, if spedy remedy be not prouided herein. THERFORE it is enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes, spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same Parlament, that the Matrimonie, of, all and euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall persones, and persone, heretofore had, celebrated and made, and the matrimonie of euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall and spirituall persone, whiche shall hereafter duely bee had, celebrated and made, shalbe adiudged, demed and taken, for, true, iust, and lawful Matrimonie, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes. And that all and euery children, and childe, borne in any suche Matrimonie, shalbe demed, iudged, reputed and taken, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, to be borne in lawfull matrimonie, and to be legitimate, and enheritable to landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, from, and by any of their fathers, mothers, and other auncestours, in like maner and fourme, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other children, borne in lawfull Matrimonie, betwixt any of the kynges laie subiectes be, enheritable, and that by the aucthoritie aforesaied, aswell all and euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall person and persones, be and shalbe enabled to be tenaūtes, by the courtesie, after the death of their wifes, of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as their wifes shall happen to be seised of, of estate in fee simple, or estate in fee taile generall, duryng the espousailles, as also euery wife, of euery suche priest, and other Ecclesiasticall persone, shalbe enabled to claime, demaunde, haue and enioye dower, of the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whereof her husbande, duryng the espousailles betwene them, was seised of estate in Fee Simple, or Fee taile generall, in his awne right, in like maner and forme, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other husbande or wife, maye or might, clayme, demaunde, haue or enioye. Any lawe, Statute, ordenaunce, Canon, constitucion, prescripcion or custome, had, made, exercised

ſed or vſed in this realme to the cõtrary in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaie, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteined, ſhall extende, to geue libertie to any perſone to marie, without aſkyng in the Churche, or without the Ceremonies, accordyng to the Boke of Common prayer, and adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, nor ſhall make any ſuche Mattimonie alredy made, or hereafter to bee made good, whiche are prohibited by the lawe of God for any other cauſe.

Prouided alſo, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, ſhall extende to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repeale, or otherwiſe to diſanull any decree, iudgement, or ſentence of diuorce, heretofore had or made, or to chaunge or alter, the poſſeſſion or enheritaunce, of any landes or tenementes, alredy deſcended, but that thei and euery of them, ſhall remain continue, and be of ſuche like force, effect, ſtrength and degree, to all ententes, conſtruccions and purpoſes, as thei were before the makyng of this acte. This acte, or any thyng therein conteined to the contrary in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

The.xiii. Chapiter.

An acte, for the declaracion of a ſtatute, made in the.xxxi. yere of kyng Henry the eight, touchyng Religious perſones.

Where by an acte of Parlament, made in the.xxxi. yere of the reigne of the moſte noble Prince, of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, for, and concernyng the enablement of profeſſed, and Religious perſones, to purchaſe to theim, and to their heires, in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, for yeres, or at will: manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditamentes, and thynges whatſoeuer: and that thei and euery of them, ſhould or might, from thencefurthe vſe, and exerciſe, receiue, take, haue, and enioye, all, and euery lawfull thyng, and thynges, to be growen, fallen, or happened, to theim, or any of them, after theſame deraiment, or departyng out of religion. And in whiche ſaid acte of Parlament, there is a Prouiſo conteined: that none of theſame Religious perſones ſhould, or might, at any tyme after the makyng of theſame acte, be taken, deined, or iudged, for, or as heire, or heires, or enheritable to any perſone, or perſones, to any purpoſe, reſpect, conſtruccion, or entent in the lawe, as by theſame acte, emong other thynges therein conteined, more fully, at large, it maie, and doeth appere. And foraſmuche, as ſithe the makyng of theſaied acte, there hath been certein ambiguities and doubtes, growen and ariſen, and hereafter are like to growe, and ariſe, vpon the expoſicion of theſaied acte, whether theſaid late Religious, and profeſſed perſones ſhould, or might bee adiudged able to enherite, and to be enheritable, as heire or heires, to any of his, or their auncеſtour, or auncеſtours, and to haue, and enioye, all, and

euery thyng, and thynges, deſcended, growen, fallen, or happened, to them, or any of theim, after theſaied deraiment, or departyng out of religion, yea, or no. For the full, and plain declaracion whereof: Bee it enacted, declared, and expounded, by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parlament, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that all, and euery of theſame late Religious, and profeſſed perſone and perſones, ſhall, and maie by aucthoritie of this acte, be enabled, to all ententes, conſtruccions, and purpoſes, at all tyme, and tymes hereafter, to be taken, demed, and iudged, as heire, or heires, and enheritable to all, and euery their auncеſtour, or auncеſtours, and to haue, chalenge, entoye, receiue, and take, all manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, and euery other thyng and thynges, to them, or any of them fallen, come, growen or deſcended, from any their auncеſtours, by any maner of waies, ſence the tyme of their ſeuerall deraimentes, or departyng out of their Religion, in as ample and large maner, fourme, and condicion, as thei had neuer been profeſſed, nor entered into Religion, theſame profeſſion, or Religion, or any lawe, cuſtome, or vſe, within this realme, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by thaucthorite aforeſaied, that none of theſaied Religious perſones, ſhall, or, maie, by vertue of this acte, at any tyme hereafter, bee taken, demed, or iudged for heire, or heires, or enheritable to any perſone, or perſones, to any conſtruccion, or entent in the lawe, by reaſon of any former right, title, intereſt, matter, or cauſe, had, made, doen, deſcended, or growen, to any reſpecte or purpoſe, before their ſaied ſeuerall deraimentes, or departynges out of their Religion, any thyng before in this acte, or in theſaied former acte conteined to the contrary hereof in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

The.xiiii.Chapiter.
An acte againſt Regratours, Foreſtallers, and Engroſſers.

ALbeit, diuerſe good ſtatutes, heretofore haue been made, againſt foreſtallers of Marchaundiſes, and victualles, yet for that good lawes, and Statutes againſt regrators, and engroſſers of theſame thynges, haue not been heretofore ſufficiētly made, and prouided: and alſo for that it hath not been perfectly knowen, what perſone ſhould be taken for a foreſtaller, regratour, or engroſſer, theſaied Statutes haue not taken good effecte, accordyng to the myndes of the makers thereof: THERFORE, be it enacted and declared, by the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parlament aſſembled, and by thaucthoritie of theſame: that whatſoeuer perſone, or perſons, that after the firſt

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daie of Maie nexte commyng, shall buye, or cause to bee bought, any Marchaundise, victuall, or any other thyng whatsoeuer, commyng by land, or by water, toward any market, or Faier, to be sold in the same, or commyng towarde any Citee, Poyte, Hauen, Crieke, or Rode, of this realme, or Wales, from any partes beyond the sea, to be sold, or make any bargain, cõtract, or promise, for the hauyng, or buyng of the same, or any part thereof, so commyng as is aforesaied, before the saied marchaundise, victualles, or other thyng shalbe in the Market, Faier, Citee, Poyte, Hauen, Crieke, or Rode, redy to bee sold: or shall make any motion by worde, letter, message, or otherwise, to any persone, or persones, for the enhaunceyng of the price, or deter sellyng of any thyng, or thynges aboue mencioned, or els dissuade, moue, or stirre any persone, or persones, commyng to the Market, or Faier, to absteine, or forbeare to byyng, or cõuey any of the thynges aboue rehersed, to any Market, Faier, Citee, Poyt, Hauen, Crieke, or Rode, to be sold as is aforesaied, shalbe demed, taken, and adiudged for a Forestaller.

Further, be it enacted, and declared, by the authoritie aforesaied, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the saied firste daie of Maie, shall by any meanes regrate, obtein, or get, into his, or their handes, or possession, in any Faier, or Market, any corne, wine, fishe, butter, chese, candelles, tallowe, shepe, lambes, calues, swine, pigges, gese, capons, hennes, chekins, pigeons, conies, or other dedde victuall whatsoeuer, that shalbe brought to any Faier, or market, within this realme or Wales, to be sold, and do sell the same again in any Faier, or Market, holden, or kept in the same place, or in any other Faier, or Market, within .iiij. miles thereof, shalbee accepted, reputed, and taken for a regratour, or regratours.

And bee it also enacted, and declared by the authoritie aforesaied, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the saied firste daie of Maie, shall engrosse, or gette, in to his, or their handes, by buyng, contractyng, or promise takyng, other then by demise, graunt, or lease of lande, or tithe: any corne, growyng in the fieldes, or any other corne, or grain, butter, chese, fishe, or other dedde victualles whatsoeuer, within the realme of Englande, to the entent to sell the same again, shalbee accepted, reputed, and taken an vnlawfull engrossour, or engrossours.

And if any person, or persones shall at any tyme, after the saied firste daie of Maie, offende in any of the thynges before recited, and beeyng therof duely conuicted, or atteinted by the lawes of this realme, or after the forme hereafter mencioned: shall for his, or their firste offence, haue and suffre imprisonment, by the space of twoo monethes, without baill or mainprise, and shall also lose, and forfeicte the value of the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym, or them bought, or had.

And if any persone lawfully conuicted, or atteinted, of, or for any the offences aboue saied, be therof eftsones lawfully conuicted, or at-

teinted, that then euery perſone, or perſones ſo offendyng, ſhall haue, and ſuffer, for his ſaied ſeconde offence, impriſonement by the ſpace of one haulfe yere, without baill, or mainprize, and ſhall loſe the double value of all the goodes, cattell, and victuall, ſo by hym bought, or had, as is aforeſaied.

And if any perſone beyng lawfully twiſe conuicted, or atteinted, of, or for any of the ſaid offences, ſhall eftſones offende the third tyme, and be therof lawfully conuicted, or atteinted, that then euery ſuche perſone for the ſaied third offence, ſhalbe ſet on the pillorie in the citee, toune, or place, where he ſhall then dwell, and enhabite, and loſe, and forfeict all the goodes, and cattell, that he, or thei haue to their awne vſe, and alſo be committed to priſon, there to remain, duryng the kynges maieſties pleaſure.

Prouided alwaie, and it is enacted, and declared by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that the buiyng of any ſuche barley, bigge, or otes, as any perſone, or perſones (not foreſtallyng) ſhall buye, to conuert into malt, or otemeale in his, or their awne houſe, or houſes, and ſo ſhalbe conuerted in deede, or the buiyng of any ſuche thyng, by any ſuche Fiſhemongre, Boucher, or Vulter, as concerne his, or their awne facultie, crafte, or miſterie (otherwiſe then by foreſtallyng) whiche ſhall ſell the ſame againe vpon reaſonable prices by retaill, or the takyng of any cattell, corne, grain, butter, cheſe, or any other thyng aboue mencioned, reſerued without fraude, or couin, vpon any leaſe for terme of life, or lifes, yere, or yeres, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made: or the buiyng of any wine, or other dedde victuall aboue mencioned, beyng apte and mete for mannes ſuſtenaunce, by any Inneholder, or other victualler, to ſell the ſame by retaill within his houſe, or to any of his neighbors for their ſuſtenaunce, for reaſonable prices: or the buiyng of any dried, or ſalted fiſhe, herryng, or ſprottes (not foreſtalled) and ſold for reaſonable prices: or the buiyng of any corne, fiſhe, butter, or cheſe, by any ſuche badger, lader, kidder, or carier, as ſhalbe aſſigned, and allowed to that office, or doyng, by the Juſtices of Peace, of the countrie, where the ſaid badger, lader, kidder, or carier ſhall dwell, whiche ſhall ſell, or deliuer in ope Faier, or Market, or to any other victualler, or to any other perſone, or perſones, for the prouiſion of his, or their houſe, or houſes, all ſuche corne, grain, butter, and cheſe, as any ſuche perſone ſhall buye, or cauſe to be bought (and that within one monethe, next after he ſhall ſo buye any ſuche corne, grain, Butter, or Cheſe) ſo that the ſame ſhalbee bought without foreſtallyng: Or els that any cõmon prouiſion made or hereafter to be made without fraude, or couin by any perſone, or perſones, of any of the thynges aboue ſaid for any citee, borough, or toune corporate, or for prouiſion of victuallyng of any ſhip, Caſtell, or forte, within the kynges dominiõs, without foreſtallyng, whiche ſhalbe employed onely to that vſe, and purpoſe: Or the buiyng, and prouiſion of

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any of the victualles aboue mencioned, necessarie, and requisite for the furniture and prouision of thenhabitauntes of Callais, Guisnes, and other the Marches of thesame, or of the toune of Barwicke, Holly Island, or the Marches of Englande against Scotlande, whiche without fraude, or coum shalbe transported, & conueighed, assone as winde and wether maie serue, to suche of the places aforesaied, for the whiche thesame shalbe so prouided, shall not bee in any wise demed, adiudged, or taken any offence contrary to this acte.

And it is also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaied firste date of Maie nexte commyng, hauyng sufficient corne, and grain for the prouision of his, or their awne house, or houses, and sowyng of their groũdes for one yere, doo buye any corne in any Faire or Market, for the chaunge of his, or their seede, and do not bryng to thesame Faier, or market, thesame daie so muche corne, as he shall fortune to buy for his sede, and sell thesame if he can, as the price of corne then goeth in thesaied Market, or Faier: that then euery suche persone, or persones so buiyng corne for sede shal forfeicte and lose the double value of the corne so boughte. Or if any persone or persones, after thesaied firste date of Maie, shall buye any maner of Oxen, Rootes, Stieres, Kine, Heckfers, Calues, Shepe, lambes, Goates, or Kiddes liuyng, and sell thesame again aliue, onles he, or thei do kepe, and fede thesame by the space of .v. wekes, in his, or their awne houses, ground, ferme ground, or els in suche ground, or groũdes where he, or thei haue the herbage, or common of pasture, by graunte, or prescription: that then euery persone, or persones so buiyng and sellyng again, shall lose the double value of the cattell, or thynges so bought, and sold again. The moytie of all whiche forfeictures afore rehersed shalbe to the Kyng, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that will sue for thesame in any of the Kynges Courtes of Record, by bill, plaint, accion of debte, or informacion, in the whiche bill, plaint, action, or informacion, no wager of law, essoyne, or protecciõ shalbe admitted.

Bee it also further enacted by the authoritie afore saied, that the Justices of the Peace in euery countie, within this realme, or Wales, at their quarter Sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery the defaultes and offences perpetrated, committed, or dooen contrary to this acte, within the countie, where any suche Sessions shalbe kept, by inquisicion, presentement, bill, or informacion before theim exhibited, and by examinacion of twoo lawfull witnesses, or by any of thesame wayes, or meanes, by the discrecion of thesaied Justices, and to make processe thereupon, as though thei wer endicted before them by inquisicion, or by veredict of .xii. men, or more: and vpõ the conuiccion of the offendor, by informacion, or suite of any other then the Kyng, to make extractes of the one moytie of the forfeictures, to be leuied to the Kynges

ges vse,as thei vse to do,of other fines,issues, and amerciamẽtes growen in the Sessions of peace,and to award,execucion of thother moytie for the complainaunt,or enformer against the offendor, by Fieri facias,or capias,as the kynges Justices at Westminster maie do,and vse to do.And if any suche conuiccion,or attendor,shall here after happen to be at the kynges suite onely, that then the whole forfeictures to bee extracted,and leuied to the kynges vse onely.

And it is further enacted,by the aucthoritie aforesaied,that whatsoeuer persone shall at any tyme hereafter, bee punished by vertue of this acte, for any thyng mencioned in this acte, that then thesame persone shall not otherwise be vexed,troubled,sued,or put to any pain,or punishement for that thyng,wherfore he,or thei shall haue been so punished.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to euery persone,or persones,whiche shalbe assigned and allowed by three Justices of the Peace,of the countie where he shall dwell therunto,to buy(otherwise then by forestallyng) corne, grain,or cattell,to be transported,or caried by water from any Porte, or place within this realme,or Wales, vnto any other Porte,or place, within thesaid realme,or dominions,if he,or thei shall without fraude, or couin,shippe,or embarke within.ix. daies next after he,or thei shall haue bought thesame, or taken couenaunt, or promise for the buiyng thereof,and with suche expedicion,and diligence as winde and wether will serue,to cary and transporte thesame to suche Porte, or place, as his,or their cockettes shall declare:and there do disbarke, vnlade,and sell thesame:and do bryng a true certificat thereof,from one Justice of peace of the countie,or Maior, or Baillife of the toune corporate wher thesame shalbe vnladen,and also of the Customer of the Porte, where suche vnladyng shalbee , of the place and date where thesaied corne,or cattell shalbe disbarked,vnladen,and sold, to be directed vnto the cuiomer,and Comptroller of the Porte,where thesame were embarked, any thyng mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng. And ouer that, that at all tymes hereafter, when wheate shalbee commonly at the price, of.vi.s.viij.d. the quarter, or vnder, Malt, and Barley at.iij.s.iiij.d.the Quarter, or vnder, Otes,or Otes malted,at the price of.ij.s.the Quarter,or vnder.Peale,or Beanes,at the price of iiij.s.the quarter,or vnder, and Rie and Millelein,at the price of.v.s. the quarter,or vnder(all whiche quarters shalbe entended to be of Lõdon measure)that then it shalbe lawfull to euery persone, and persons (not forestallyng)to buye,engrosse,and kepe,in his,or their graneries or houses, suche corne of the kyndes aforesaied, as without fraude,or coum shalbe bought,at,or vnder the prices afore expressed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary,notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies,and be it enacted,by the aucthoritie aforesaied,

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that this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, extend not to charge any persone, or persones, for any the offences aboue mencioned, onles he, or thei be sued for the same, within two yeres next after suche offence doen, or committed. This acte to endure vntil thende of the next parlament.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbee lawfull to all, and euery of the Kynges Maiesties subiectes, now dwellyng, and enhabityng, or that hereafter shall dwell, or enhabite within one mile of the maigne sea, to buye all maner of fishe, freshe, or salted (not forestallyng the same) and to sell the same again at reasonable prices: this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to all, and euery persone and persones, knowen for a common Drouer, or Drouers, beyng licenced, aucthorised, and allowed in writyng, by thre Justices of the Peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) of the countie, or counties, where the same Drouer, or Drouers shalbe moste abidyng, and dwellyng, to buye cattell in suche shires, or Counties, where Drouers haue been wont in tymes past, accustomably to buye cattell, at their free libertie and pleasure, and to sell the same as is aforesaied, at reasonable prices, in common Faiers, and Markettes, distant from the place, or places, where he, or thei shal buye the same .xl. miles at the least, so that the same cattell bee not bought by waie of forestallyng: This acte, or any thyng therein conteined, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, that suche licence of Justices of the Peace, shall not endure aboue one yere, onles the same be yerely renewed by so many Justices as is aforesaied.

¶ The .xv. Chapiter.
¶ An acte againste regratours of Tanned Lether.

Where by the couetousnes of diuers gredy persons, regratyng and engrossyng, all kynd of tanned lether into their handes, and sellyng again the same at excessiue prices, to Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and suche other artificers, and hādicraftes men, as make wares of tanned lether, the Kynges louyng subiectes are enforced to buye the said wares at vnreasonable prices, for remedy and reformacion whereof: Be it enacted by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that from, and after the first daie of Maie next commyng, no persone, or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, soeuer he, or thei be, shall buye, or engrosse, or cause to bee bought, or engrossed, any

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kynd of tanned lether, to the entent to sell thesame again, vpon pain to forfeict thesaid lether so bought, or the iust price therof. The one moytie of whiche forfeicture, shalbe to the Kyng our souereigne lorde, and the other moytie to hym, or theim, that shall sease, or sue for thesame, in any of the Kynges Courtes of record, by accion of debt, bille, plaint, informacion, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, protection, or Iniunccion shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted, by thauctholitie aforesaid, that all Sadlers, Girdlers, Corderwainers, and all other artificers, suche as make Males, Bougettes, Lether pottes, Tanckardes, Bare hides, or any other wares of lether, shall, or maie buye, all suche kynd of tanned lether, as is, or shalbe necessary for their occupiyng, to be wrought and made by thē, or by their seruauntes, in, or about there saied wares, any thyng before mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also that euery Girdler, and other artificer before mencioned in this acte, maie at his free will and pleasure, sell their neckes, wombes, and shredded of tanned Lether (suche as thei or any of theim cannot occupie aboute the wares thei vse to make) to any persone, or persones, without incurryng any forfeicte, pain, or penaltie before expressed in this acte, any thyng therein conteined to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and bee it further enacted, by the auctholitie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull, to, or for, euery persone, or persons, whiche now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the kynges maiesties speciall licence or licences, to transport, cary, or conueigh ouer the Seas, any kynd of tanned lether, to buye for the furniture of their said licence, or licences, in open Faier or Market, suche, and so muche tanned Lether, as he, or thei bee, or shalbe licenced to transporte, cary, or conueigh. So that the same licence, or licences, be presented, and shewed, vnto the chief officer or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the gouernaunce of any citee, toune, Faier, or Market, whereas thesaied lether, or any part thereof, shalbe bought. And so that thesaid officer, or officers, seyng the same licence to be good, and perfect, do iustly, and truly, write vpon the backside of euery suche licence, or licences, how muche tanned lether, he or thei, shall there haue bought, and the certain daie, tyme, and place of buyng thesame, that thereby it maie manifestly appere, howe, and when, euery suche licence, or licences, bee, or shalbe satisfied, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, by the auctholitie aboue saied, that after thesaid first daie of Maie next commyng, no persone or persones, shal shippe, or cause to bee shipped (to the entent to cary, transporte, or conueigh ouer the seas, as Marchaundise to be sold, or exchaunged there) any Shoes, Bootes, Bulkins, Stertuppes, or Slippers, vpon pain to forfeict all, and euery suche Shoes, Bootes, Bulkins, Stertuppes

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or Slippers, so shipped, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, or the value of the same. The one moietie of the said forfecture to be to the Kyng our souereigne lorde, and the other moiete to hym, or them, that shal sease, or sewe for the same, in any of the Kynges Maiesties courtes of recorde, by Action of debte, bille, plainte, enformacion, or otherwyse. Wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, or iniunction shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaied, that this Acte, ne any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wyse extende to be preiudicial, or hurtful, to any person, or persons, beyng the Kynges subiectes, for transportyng, or caryeng ouer the Seas vnto Calice, or the marches of the same, and vnto the Isle of man so muche or as many of the afore said made wares (as Bootes, Buskyns, Stertuppes, and Slippers, heretofore recited) as shalbe necessarie and cōuenient for the wearyng, and furniture of the Kynges subiectes in them, or any of them. Any thyng in this last Acte conteined to the contrarie hereof in any wise, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Girdler, Cordwainer, nor other artificer, dwellyng within the citie of London, and the suburbes of the same, which shal cutte the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaied to thentent to make wares therof) shall courrie, or dresse, any of the foresaied tanned leather, in his, or their owne house, or houses, or by his, or their seruaūt, or seruauntes, vpō paine of forfeicture, al, & euery the said tanned leather, so to be courried. The one moietie of whiche forfeicture shalbe to our souereigne Lorde the kyng, and the other moietie to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kynges courtes of recorde, by Bille Plainte, Actiō, or enformacion. Wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, or Iniunction, shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

¶ Chapiter. xvi.

An Acte against buyeng, and sellyng of Offices.

FOR the auoidyng of corruption, whiche may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those Courtes, places, or roumes, wherin there is requisite to be had the true administracion of iustice, or seruices of truste, and to thentent that persones worthie, & mete to be aduaunced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, or any seruice of trust executed, should hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other:

Be it therfore enacted, by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, the lordes Spiritual, and temporal and the commons in this present Parlamēte assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same: That if any person, or per-

sons at any tyme hereafter, bargaine, or selle any office, or offices, or deputacion of any office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of any of them, or receiue, haue, or take any money, fee reward, or any other profet directly, or indirectly, or take any promise agrement, conuenaunt, bonde, or any assuraunce to receiue, or haue any money, fee, reward, or other profite directly, or indirectly, for any office, or offices, or for the deputacio of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of the, or to thentent that any person shoulde haue exercise, or enioye any office, or offices, or the deputacion of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, whiche office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of them, shal in any wyse touche, or conterne thadministracio, or execucio of iustice, or the receipte comptrolemet, or paimet of any the kynges highnes treasour, money, rente, reuenue, accompte, alneage, auditourshippe, or surueieng of any the kynges Maiesties honours, Castelles, Manours, Landes, tenemetes, woodes, or hereditamentes, or any the kynges Maiesties customes, or any administracion, or necessarie attendaunce to be had doen, or executed in any the kynges Maiesties custome house, or houses, or the kepyng of any the kynges Maiesties Townes, castelles, or fortetelles, beyng vsed, occupied, or appointed for a place of strength, and defence, or whiche shall concerne, or touche any clerkeshippe to be occupied in any maner of Courte of recorde, wherin iustice is to be ministred, that then al, and euery suche person, and persons, that shall so bargaine, or selle any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or that shall take any money, fee, reward, or profite for any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions of any of the said offices, or any parte of any of them, or that shal take any promyse, couenaunte, bonde, or assuraunce for any money, reward, or profite to be geuen for any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, of any of the saied office, or offices, or any parte, of any of them, shall not onely lose, and forfeicte all his, and their right, interest and estate, whiche suche person, or persones shall then haue, of, in, or to, any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or any parte, of any of them, or of, in, or to, the gifte, or nomination of any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, for the whiche office, or offices, or for the deputacion, or deputacions, of whiche office, or offices, or for any parte of any of them, any suche persone, or personnes, shall so make any bargaine, or sale, or take, or receiue any somme of money, fee, reward, or profite, or any promise, couenaunt, or assuraunce to haue, or receiue any fee, reward, money, or profite. But also that all, and euery suche person, and persons that shall geue, or paye any somme of money, reward, or fee, or shal make any promyse, agremente, bonde, or assuraunce for any of the said offices, or for the deputacion, or deputacions, of any of the saide office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, shall immediatly by and vpon

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theſame fee, money, or reward, geuen or paied, or vpon any ſuche pro-miſe, couenaunt, bonde, or agrement, had, or made, for any fee, ſome of money, or reward to be paied, as is aforeſaied, be adiudged a diſabled perſone in the lawe, to all ententes and purpoſes, to haue, occupie, or enioye, theſaid office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or any part of any of theim, for the whiche ſuche perſone, or perſones, ſhall ſo geue or paie, any ſome of money, fee, or reward, or make any promiſe, couenaunt, bonde, or other aſſuraunce, to geue, or paie, any ſome of money, fee, or reward.

And be it alſo enacted, by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that all, and euery ſuche bargaines, ſales, promiſes, bondes, agrementes, couenauntes and aſſuraunces, as bee before ſpecified, ſhalbe voyde, to, and againſt hym and them, by whom any ſuche bargain, ſale, bonde, promiſe, couenaunt, or aſſuraunce, ſhalbe had or made.

Prouided alwaie, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe extende, to any Office, or Offices, whereof any perſone, or perſons, is, or ſhalbee ſeaſed, of any eſtate of enheritaunce, nor to any Office of Parkerſhippe, or of the kepyng of any Parke, houſe, manour, Garden, Chaſe, or Forreſt, or to any of them, any thyng in this acte, heretofore mencioned, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that if any perſone, or perſones, dooe hereafter offende, in any thyng, contrary to the tenour, and effecte of this Acte, yet that notwithſtandyng, all iudgementes geuen, and all other Acte and Actes, executed or doen, by any ſuche perſone, or perſones, ſo offendyng, by aucthoritie or colour of the Office, or Deputacion, whiche ought to bee forfeicted, or not occupied, or not enioyed by the perſone ſo offendyng, as is aforeſaied, after theſaied offence, ſo by ſuche perſone, committed or dooen, and before ſuche perſone ſo offendyng, for theſame offence, bee remoued from the exerciſe, adminiſtracion and occupacion of theſaied Office, or Deputacion, ſhalbee, and remain good and ſufficient in Lawe, to all ententes, Conſtruccions, and purpoſes, in ſuche like maner and fourme, as theſame ſhould and ought to haue remained and been, if this acte had neuer been had or made.

Prouided alſo, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteined ſhall not in any wiſe extende, to any Bargaine, Sale, Gift, Graunt, Nominacion, Bonde, Couenaunt, Promiſe, agrement, or aſſuraunce, whatſoeuer it bee, of, or for, any the Office, or Offices, Deputacion, or Deputacions, aforeſaied, or any parte of any of theim, had, made, dooen, concluded, or agreed, before the firſte daye of Marche, next commyng, but that theſame bargain, ſale, gifte, graunt, Nominacion, Bonde, Couenaunt, Promiſe, agrement, or aſſuraunce, had, made, dooen, concluded, or agreed, before theſaied firſte date of

Watche, shall alwaies remain, continue, and be in suche force, strength and effecte, as if this acte, had neuer been had or made, any thyng before in this acte mencioned, to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende, or bee preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any of the chief Justices of the Kynges Courtes, commonly called the Kynges Benche, or Common place, or to any of the Justices of Assile, that now be, or hereafter shalbee, but that thei, and euery of theim, maie dooe in euery behalfe, touchyng, or concernyng, any office or offices, to be geuen or graunted, by theim, or any of theim, as thei, or any of theim might haue doen, before the makyng of this acte, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstandyng.

¶The.xviij.Chapiter.

¶An acte, for the continuaunce of certain Statutes.

WHERE, in the Parlament, begonne and holden at London, the thirde daie of Nouember, in the xxj.yere of the reigne, of our late moste dread souereigne lorde, of moste famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued, by diuerse prorogacions, vnto the dissoluction thereof, one acte was made and established, for the restraint of cariyng, and conueighyng of Horses and Mares, out of this realme. And also, one other acte was there made, in thesaied Parlamēt for the true makyng of Cables, halsers, and ropes: and also one other acte was there made, for the true windyng of Wolles: And one other acte, to restrain killyng of wainlynges, Bullockes, stieres, & Heifers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, whiche saied seuerall actes, were then made, to endure and continue, vnto the next Parlament, as by the same three seuerall actes, more plainly appereth. And where also in the same Parlament, one other acte was made and established, for attaintes to be sued, for the punishement of periurie, vpon vntrue verdictes: whiche acte last before rehersed, was then made & ordeined, to continue and endure, to the laste daie of the next Parlament, as by thesame acte, more plainly at large, it sheweth & maie appere. And where also in the parlament, begon and holden at Westminster, the.viij.daie of June, in the.xxviij.yere of the reigne, of our saied moste dread souereigne lorde, kyng Henry the.viij, and there continued & kept, vntill the dissoluction therof, it was ordeined & enacted, that all and singuler thesaid actes aboue remembred, & euery of thē, should continue & endure in their force

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and strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte, vntil the last day of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze plainly appereth.

And where also in the Parlament begonne, and holden at Westmynster the.xxvij. daie of Apzill, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saide most dzad souereigne Lozde kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntill the.xxviij. daie of June, then nexte folowyng. It was ozdeined, and enacted by thaucthozitie of thesame Parlament, that all, and singuler the saide seuerall actes aboue remembzed, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and pzouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, should continue, and endure in their fozce, & strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte vntill the last daie of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte amongest other thynges there in conteined, moze plainly appereth.

And where also in the last Session of the same Parlament begonne at Westmynster the.xj. daie of Apzil in thesaid.xxxi. yere of the reigne, of our saide late souereigne Lozde, and there by diuers pzozogacions continued, vntill the. xxiij. daie of July, in the. xxxii. yere of our said late souereigne Lozde, there was one other Acte made, and establisshed, concernyng buyeng of Fishe vpon the Sea: And also one other Acte was there made in the saide Parlament foz reasonable pzyces of wynes to be sette, as by the same two Actes last recited moze plainly doth appere.

And wher in the Parlamẽt holden at Westmynster in the.xxxv. yere of the reigne of our said most dzad souereigne Lozde kyng Henry the eight, one Acte was made foz the pzeseruacion of woodes to endure foz. vij. yeres, then next folowyng, and from thence vnto thende of the nexte Parlament, as by thesame acte moze plainly it doeth and maie appere.

And where also at the Parlament holden at Westmynster in the xxxvij. yeare of the reigne of our saide moste dzad souereigne Lozde, kyng Henry theight, and there continued, and kepte vntill the dissolucion therof. It was ozdeined, and enacted, that all and singuler the said Actes, aboue mencioned, and euery of them, excepte the said Acte made foz the pzeseruacion of woodes, as is afozesaid, shoulde continue, and endure in their fozce, and strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte vntill the last daie of the nexte Parlament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges there in conteined, moze plainly appereth.

And where also in the session of the Parlamẽt holden at Westmynster the.iiij. daie of Nouember, in the thirde yeare of the reigne of our nowe most dzad souereigne Lozde kyng Edward the sixthe, one other Acte was made in the same Parlament against vnlawful huntyng in any parke, fozrest, chase, oz other enclosed ground, whiche Acte was then made to endure the space of thze ful yeres to be complete, & fully

ended from the firſt daie of May then nexte commyng, as by the ſame Acte moze plainly appereth. And foz aſmuche, as all and ſynguler the ſaid ſeuerall Actes, aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall foz the common wealth of this Realme:

Be it therfoze enacted, ozdeined, and eſtabliſhed by the kyng our ſouereigne Lozde, with thaſſent of the Lozdes Spirituall, and Tempozall, and the commons in this pzeſent Parlament, aſſembled and by aucthozitie of the ſame, that all, and ſinguler the ſaid ſeuerall Actes and Statutes aboue mencioned, oz reherſed, and euery of them, and all clauſes, articles, and pzouiſions in them, and euery of them conteined, and alſo all, and euery other bzaunche, article, and ſentence conteined in the ſaide Acte made in the ſaide. xxxvii. yeare of the ſaide late kyng of moſt famous memozie Henry theight, touchyng, oz in any wyſe concernyng the ſettyng of pzices of wyne, oz the ſale of the ſame, ſhall be reuiued, continued, ſtande, and endure, in their fozce, and ſtrengthe, to all ententes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued, and kepte in all thynges vnto the laſt daie of the nexte Parlament.

Capiter. xviii.

An Acte repealyng a Statute made in the fourth yere of kyng Henry the eigth, againſt the bzyngyng in of wyne, and woade in ſtraunge bottomes.

WHERE in the Parlamẽt holden at Weſtmynſter the. xiii. day of January in the fourth yere of the reigne of the famous pzynce, of wozthie memozie, kyng Henry the ſeuenth, after the conqueſt, grãdfather to our nowe moſte gracious, and naturall ſouereigne liege lozd, it was amõgeſt other thynges ozdeined, ſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no maner of perſon, of what degre, oz condicion that he ware, ſhoulde conuey, oz bzynge into this Realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, oz the marches therof, oz Barwicke, from the feaſt of the natiuitie of ſainct Jhon Baptiſt, that after that, was in the yere of our Lozde GOD. a thouſand. iiii. C. foure ſcoze, and ten. Any maner wynes growyng of the Duchie of Guyen, oz Gaſcoyne, oz woade, called Tholouſe woade, but ſuche as ſhoulde be conueyed, auentured, and bzought in ſhippe, oz ſhippes, where of the ſaide late kyng, oz ſome of his ſubiectes of this Realme of Englande, Ireland, Wales, Calaice, oz Barwicke, ware owners, poſſeſſoures, and pzopzietaries, and the Maiſter vnder God, and the mariners of the ſame

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shippe, or shippes, Englishe, Irishe, or Walshe, or men of Barwicke or men of Calaice, or of the marches of the same for the more partie, vpon paine to forfeicte the same wynes, or woade, so brought contrary to thesaide Acte, as in thesaide Acte more at large it doeth and may appere:

The whiche Acte, was supposed to be made for the maintenaunce of the nauoie of this Realme. And also to thentent, and vpon good hope, and trust to haue had the same wynes, and woade, at more easie prices, then before thei had bene, the experience where of hath euer sythen (and nowe of late most of al) appered to the contrarie, for that thesaid wynes, and woade, be daiely solde at suche excessiue prices, as hath not before bene sene within this Realme, and the nauie of the Realme therby neuer the better mainteined.

In consideracion whereof be it enacted, ordeined, and, stablisshed by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, and commons in this presente Parlament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same. That from the first day of February nexte commyng, after the session of this present Parlament, vnto the first day of October then folowyng: And so yerely, and from yere to yere begynnyng at, and betwene the first day of Februarie, and the first daie of October, it shal, and may be lawfull to al, & euery person, and personnes beyng of the partes, or countries in amitie with our souereigne Lord the Kyng, to cõuey, or bryng in to this Realme, Ireland, Wales, Calaice, or marches of the same, or Barwycke, any maner of wynes, of the growyng of the Duchie of Guyen, or Galcoine, or of any other partie of Fraunce, and tholouse woade, or any of them, in whatsoeuer shippe, or shippes, crayer, or crayers, bote, or botes, or by any other meane, whosoeuer be, or shalbe therof owner, possessour, or proprietarie, beyng of the partes, or countries in amitie of our saide souereigne Lorde, or whosoeuer be there of Maister, or mariner, or mariners in the same, without any forfaicture, or penaltie there of to be had thesaide Statute, or any thyng there in conteined, to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

¶ The.xix. Chapiter.

An Acte, touchyng the exchaunge of Golde and Siluer.

WHere in the Parlament holden at Westmynstre the.xv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Edwarde the thirde, it was acorded, that it shoulde be lawfull for euery manne to exchaunge golde for siluer, or siluer for golde, or for golde and siluer, so that no man did holde the same as exchaun-

ged, nor take no profite for makyng of suche exchaunge, vpon paine of forfeicture of the money so exchaunged, except the kynges exchaungers, whiche take profite of suche exchaunge, accordyng to an ordinaunce before that tyme made: Whiche Statute, notwithstandyng, diuers couetous persones of their owne aucthorities, haue of late taken vpon theim to make exchaunges, aswell of coigned golde, as of coigned siluer, receiuyng and payeng therfore, more in value then hath bene declared by the kynges Proclamacion to be currant for, within this his realme, and other his dominions to the great hynderaunce of the commune wealth of this realme.

Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde by thassent of the Lordes, and Commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that if any person, or persons, after the firste day of Aprill nexte commyng, exchaunge any coigned Golde, coigned Siluer, or money, geuyng, receiuyng, or payeng any more in value, benefite, profite, or aduauntage for it, then the same is, or shalbe declared by the kynges Maiesties Proclamation to be curraunt for, within this his highnes Realme, and other his dominions. That then all thesaid coigned golde, siluer, and mony so exchaunged, and euery parte, and parcell therof shalbe forfeicte, and the parties so offendyng, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yeare, and make fyne at the kynges pleasure. The one moietie of the saide golde, siluer, or coigne, so forfeicted to be to the kyng our souereigne Lorde, and the other moitie to be to the partie that sealeth the same, or wil sue for it by bille, plainte, originall, action of debt, informacion or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, in whiche suite, no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shall lye, be allowed, or admitted.

¶ The. xx. Chapiter.

An Acte against Vsurie.

WHere in the. xxvii. yeare of the reigne of the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, father to our souereigne Lorde the kyng, that nowe is, amongest other Actes, and Statutes then made, it was enacted by aucthoritie of Parlament, that no person, or persons, at any tyme after the last day of January in the said. xxvii. yere, shoulde haue, receiue, accept, or take in lucre, or gaines, for the lone, forbearyng, or geuyng date of paiment of any somme of money, for one whole yere, aboue the some of x.li. in the. C. and so after that rate, and not aboue, of, and for a more, or lesse

lesse some, or for a longer, or shorter tyme, vpon the paines and forfeitures, in the said acte mencioned and contcined. The whiche acte was not ment, or entended for the maintenaunce, and allowaunce of vsurie as diuerse persones, blinded with mordinate loue of themselfes, haue, and yet do mistake the same, but rather was made and intēded, against all sortes & kyndes of vsurie, as a thyng vnlawfull, as by the title and preamble of the said acte, it doth plainly appere. And yet neuertheless, the same was by the said acte permitted, for thauoydyng of a more euill and inconuenience, that before that time was vsed & exercised. But forasmuche as vsurie, is by the worde of god, vtterly prohibited, as a vice moste odious, and detestable, as in diuerse places of the holy scripture, it is euident to be seen, whiche thyng, by no Godly teachynges and perswasions, can sinke into the hartes, of diuerse gredy, vncharitable, and coueteous persones, of this realme, nor yet by any terrible threatenynges, of Goddes wrathe and vengeaunce, that iustly hangeth ouer this realme, for the greate and open vsurie, therin daily vsed and practised, thei will forsake suche filthy gain and lucre, onles some temporall punishement be prouided, and ordeined in that behalfe. FOR reformacion wherof, be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parlament, that from the first daie of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God M.D.Lij. the saied acte and statute, concernyng onely vsurie, lucre, or gaines, of, or for the loane, forbearyng, or geuyng daies of any some, or somes of money, be vtterly abrogate, voyde, and repealed.

And furthermore, be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that frō, and after the said first daie of Maie next cōmyng, no person or persons of what estate, degree, qualitie, or condicton soeuer he, or thei be, by any corrupt, colourable, or deceiptfull conueighaunce, sleight, or engine, or by any waie or meane, shall lend, geue, set out, deliuer, or forbeare, any some, or somes of money, to any persone or persones, or to any corporacīō, or body politique, to, or for, any maner of vsurie, encrease, lucre, gain or interest to be had, receiued, or hoped for, ouer and aboue the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out, deliuered, or forborne, vpon pain of forfeicture the value, aswell of the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out, deliuered, or forborne, as also, of the vsurie, encrease, lucre, gain, or interest thereof. And also vpon pain of imprisonment of the body, or bodies, of euery suche offendour, or offendors, and also to make fine and raunsome, at the kynges will & pleasure. The moytie of whiche forfeicture, of the saied value shalbe to the kyng, and the other moytie, to the partie that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges Courtes of record, by accion of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection, shalbe allowed, or admitted.

The.xxj. Chapiter.

An acte, against Tinckers, and Pedlers.

Forasmuche,

FOrasmuche, as it is euidēt, that Tinckers, Pedlers, and suche like vagraunt persones, are more hurtfull then necessarie, to the common welth of this realme. Be it therefore ordeined, established, and enacted, by aucthoritie of this present parlamēt, that from, and after the feast of the Natiuitie of s. Jhō Baptist next commyng, no persone or persones, commonly called Pedler, Tincker, or petie chapman, shall wander or go from one toune to another, or from place to place, out of the toune, parishe, or village, where suche persone shall dwell, and sell pinnes, poyntes, laces, gloues, knikes, glasses, tapes, or any suche kynde of wares, whatsoeuer, or gather cony skinnes, or suche like thyng, or vse, or exercise the trade, or occupacion of a Tincker, but onely suche persone, or persones, as shalbe thereunto licenced. And that in suche circuite, or compasse, as shalbe to hym or theim, assigned by two Justices of Peace, or mo, of the Shiere where he or thei, shall dwell, by writyng, vnder their hādes and seales, vpon pain that euery persone, whiche shall offend, contrary to the meanyng of this acte, shall by any Justice of the shiere, where the same offence shalbe committed, vpon cōplaint and due proufe had, by witnes, or otherwise, be emprisoned, by the space of .xiiij. daies at the least.

¶ The .xxij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte, for the puttyng doune of Gigge Milles.

FOrasmuche, as true Draperie of wollen clothes, is to be commended, aswel in forein realmes, as in this realme of Englād, and all waies and meanes, vsed to the contrary are to be eschewed, and taken awaie: And forasmuche, as in many partes of this realme, is newly, and lately deuised, erected, builded, and vsed, certain Milles, called Gigge milles, for the perchyng, and burlyng of clothe, by reason whereof, the true Draperie of this realme, is wonderfully empaired, and the clothe thereof deceiptfully made, by reason of the vsyng of the saied Gigge Milles: For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons, in this present Parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that no maner of persone, or persones, after the last daie of Maie next commyng, shall vse, or occupie, any of the saied Gigge Milles, for the woorkyng of any Wollen clothe, or clothes, made, or to be made, within this realme, vpon pain of forfeicture, for euery clothe so wrought, in, or by, any of the saied Milles, called Gigge Milles, fiue poundes. The moytie of all, and euery suche forfeicture, and forfeictures, penaltie, and penalties, to be to the vse of our souereigne lorde the kyng, and his heires, & the

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other moietie, to the vse of hym that will sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes, be it by writte, bille, plaunte, or Informacion, wherein the defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection, essoine, or Iniunction, shalbe to hym allowed.

¶ Chapiter. xxiij.

An Acte for the true stuffyng of Fetherbeddes, Mattresses, and Quisshions.

FOR the auoidyng of the greate deceipte vsed, and practised, in stuffyng of fetherbeddes, bolsters, pillowes, mattresses, quisheons, and quiltes;

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parlament, that from, and after the last date of June next commyng, no person, or persons, whatsoeuer, shall make (to thentent to selle, or offre to be solde) any fetherbedde, bolstre, or pillowe, except the same be stuffed with dyre pulled fethers, or cleane downe onely, without mynglyng of shalded fethers, fennedowne, thistledowne, sand, lyme, grabell, heare, or any other vnlawfull, or corrupt stuffe vpon paine of forfeicture of al suche fether beddes, bolsters, and pillowes, and euery of them so offred to be solde, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by the same auctho̅itie, that from, and after the said day, no person, or persons, shall make (to thentent to selle, or offre, or putte to sale) any quilte mattresse, or quisshions, whiche shalbe stuffed with any other stuffe, then fethers wolle, or flockes alone, vpon paine of forfaicture, of all, and euery suche quiltes, mattresses, or quisshions, so solde, or offred to be solde, or the value therof. The moietie of all whiche forfeictures shalbe to the Kyng, our soueraigne Lorde, his heyres, and successoures, and the other moietie therof to any suche person, or persones, as will sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes of recorde, or in any other Courte, where in no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt, or defendauntes.

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Capiter. xxiiii.

An Acte for the makyng of Hattes, Doznickes, and Couerlectes, at Norwiche, and in the countie of Norff.

Here the makyng of Hattes, Doznickes, & couerlectes haue of late bene begonne to be practised, within the citie of Norwiche, in which citie there be good and profitable ordinaunces, and constitucions, prouided, and ordeined for the preseruacion, and continuaunce of the good makyng of the same hattes, doznickes, & couerlectes, by reason wherof, the young and ydle people of thesaid Citie, to a great nombre haue bene, and yet be well occupied, maintened, and sette on worke. And forasmuche, as diuers euel, & couetouse disposed persons, exercisyng the misteries of makyng of hattes, and weauyng of couerlectes, & doznickes, within thesaied citie, and not beyng brought vp, or practised in thesaid Artes, or misteries, to thentent thei might occupie, and exercise thesaid misteries out of the saied citie of Norwiche, where no suche ordinaunces & constitucions be made, or prouided, haue withdrawen them selues from thesaid citie into certein townes, nighe about thesame citie, where thei do, and may occupie, and exercise the makyng of hattes, weauyng of couerlectes, & doznickes disceiptfully, and insufficientlie, without controllement to the vtter decaie, aswel of thesaid crafte, and misteries, as of thesaid citie, if remedie be not therin prouided.

It may therfore be enacted by the Kynges Maiestie, with thassent of the lordes Spiritual, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that no person by him selfe, or by his seruaunt, or apprentice, shal from, and after the feaste of S. Michael Tharchaungel next comyng make, or worke any felte, or thrommed hattes, or weaue, or make any couerlectes, or doznickes, or occupie, vse, or exercise the misteries, or occupacions of making of felte, or thrömed hattes, or weauyng of doznickes, couerlectes, or any of them, within thesaid citie of Norwiche, or within the countie of Norff, oneles he, or thei, that shal so make, or worke any such felte, or hattes, or so occupie the occupacion or misterie of makyng of felte, or hattes, as aforesaid, within thesaid citie, or countie, be licenced, and admitted so to do by the Maiour, Recorder, Stewarde, and two iustices of the peace of thesaid citie, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to thesame occupacion, and misterie of felte, and hattes makyng by the space of. vii. yeres, & in lyke case onles such person, or persons, that shall so make or weaue doznickes, or so occupie the occupacion, or misterie of doznickes weauyng within thesaid citie, or countie, be licenced, or admitted, so to do by the Maiour, Recorder, Stewarde, &

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two iuſtices of the peace, of theſayde citie, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to theſayde miſterie, & occupacion, of doznekes weauyng, by the terme of. vij. yeres: And onles he or they that ſhall ſo make, or weaue, couerlettes, or ſo occupie the artes or miſtery of couerlectes weauyng or makyng, be licenced and admitted ſo to doe, by the Maiour, Recorder, ſteward, & two iuſtices of the peace, of theſayd citie, or by foure of thē that haue bene apprētice to the occupacion, & miſterie of couerlectes weauing & making, by the ſpace or terme of. vii. yeres

And be it alſo enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that no perſone, or perſones, ſhal frō henceforth make any feltes, or hattes, or weaue or make, any doznekes, or couerlectes, as aforeſaid, or occupie, exercile, or vſe thoccupacion, artes, or miſteries, of makyng of hattes, or feltes, or of weauing, making of doznekes, or couerlettes, or any of thē, as afore ſaid, in any place, out of theſaid citie of Norwich, within theſaid coūtie of Norfolcke, but only in a corporate, or market toune, vpō pain of for feicting, aſwel of the feltes, hattes, doznekes, and couerlectes, & euery of them, whiche ſhalbe made, wrought, or woué, contrary to the fourme effecte, and tenoure of this acte, or of any parte or clauſe thereof, as alſo ten ſhillinges, for euery haulf douſeyne of theſayde feltes or hattes, and of. iii. ſ. iiii. d. for euery couerlecte, and of. vi. ſ. viii. d. for euery. vi. yardes of doznekes, ſo as is aforeſayd, to be made, wouen or wrought contrary to this acte, the one haulf of whiche forfaictures, to be to the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, his heires, and ſucceſſours, and the other haulfe therof to the perſone, or perſones, that ſhall or wil ſeyſe theſame or that will or ſhall ſue for theſame, or for any parte thereof, in the kynges courte of the Guilde hal within theſaid citie of Norwiche, or in any other of the kynges courtes of recorde, within this Realme of Englande, by action of detinew, debte, playnt, bill, informacion, or other wiſe, in whiche ſayd action or actions, ſute, bill, plaint, or informacion, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, protection or forein plea to the iuriſdictiō of the court, ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwaie, that all and euery ſuche perſone and perſones, as do nowe dwell or hereafter ſhall dwell, and exercile the miſtery of doznekes, and couerlectes makyng, within the towne or parothe of Bulham, in theſayde countie of Norfolcke ſhall and may occupie, and exercile the makyng of doznekes, and couerlectes, within theſayde towne of Bulham, as they haue heretofore vſed to do, any thyng in this acte conteined to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that if the Maiour, Recorder, Stewarde, or iuſtice of peace, of theſayde citie, for the tyme beyng, or any of them, ſhall take any ſomme of money or rewarde, for admittyng of any perſone to occupie or vſe any of the artes or miſteries aforeſayd, that for euery ſuche tyme, and euery ſuche caſe, the perſone ſo offendyng, ſhall loſe and forfeicte. v. l. the one parte of

whiche forfeicture to be to our souereigne lorde the kyng, and the other halfe to hym, or them that shall sue for thesame, as is aforesayde.

¶ The. xxv. Chapiter.

An acte for kepers of Alehouses to be bounde by recognisaunce.

For as muche, as intollerable hurtes and troubles to the cōmon wealth of this realme, daily do growe and encrease through suche abuses and disorders, as are had and vsed in commune Ale houses, and other houses called Tipling houses:

It is therefore enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes, and commōs in this present parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that the Justices of peace within euery shiere, citie Borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie within this realme, or two of them at the least (wherof one of theim to be of the *Quorum*) shal haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, within euery Shiere, Citie, Borough, toune corporate, fraūchesse, and libertie, where they be Justices of peace, to remoue, discharge, and put away, cōmune sellyng of ale and biere, in thesaide commune Alehouses and Tiplyng houses, in suche toune, or tounes, and places, where they shall thinke mete and conuenient. And that none after the first day of May next cōmyng, shalbe admitted, or suffred to kepe any commune Ale house, or tipling house, but suche as shalbe thereunto admitted, & allowed in the open sessions of the peace, or els by two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*. And that thesaid Justices of the peace, or two of them (wherof the one to be of the *Quorum*,) shall take bonde, and suretie, from time to time, by recognisaunce, of suche as shalbe admitted and allowed hereafter to kepe any commune Alehouse, or Tiplyng house, aswell for, and against the vsyng of vnlaufull games, as also for the vsyng and maintenaunce of good ordre and rule to be had & vsed within thesame, as by their discretion shalbe thought necessary and conuenient: for makyng of euery whiche recognisaunce, the partie or parties that shalbe so bounde, shall paie but. xii. d. And thesayd Justices shall certifie thesame recognisaunce at the next quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden within thesame Shiere, Citie, Borough, toune corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, where suche Alehouse, or Tiplyng house shalbe. Thesame recognisaunce there to remaine of recorde before the Justices of peace of that Shiere, Citie, Borough, Toune corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, vpon payne of forfeicture to the kyng for euery suche recognisaunce taken and not certified. iij. l. vi. s. viij. d.

And it is further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of peace of euery Shiere, citie, borough, toune corporate, fraunchesse, & libertie,

libertie, where ſuche recogniſaunce ſhalbe taken, ſhal haue powet and aucthozitie by this acte, in their quartet Seſſions of the peace, by pzeſentment, inſozmation, oz otherwiſe by their diſcretion, to enquire of al ſuche perſones, as ſhalbe admitted and allowed to kepe any Alehouſe, oz Tiplyng houſe, and that be bounde by recogniſaunce as is abouelayd, if they oz any of them, haue done any acte, oz actes, whereby they, oz any of them haue fozfeicted theſame recogniſaũce. And theſaid Juſtices in euery Shiere, and places where they be Juſtices, ſhal vpõ euery ſuche pzeſentment, oz inſozmacion, awarde pzoceſſe againſt euery ſuche perſone, ſo pzeſented, oz complained vpon befoze theim, to ſhewe why he ſhould not fozfeicte his recogniſaunce, and ſhall haue full powet and aucthozitie by this acte, to heate and to determine theſame by all ſuche wayes & meanes, as by their diſcretion ſhalbe thought good.

And it is further enacted by the aucthozitie afozeſaide, that if any perſone oz perſones, other then ſuche as ſhalbe hereafter admitted and allowed by theſaide Juſtices, ſhal after theſaide firſt day of May, obſtinatly, and vpon his owne aucthoritie, take vpon him, oz them, to kepe a commune Alehouſe, oz tiplyng houſe, oz ſhall contrary to the commaundement of theſayd Juſtices, oz two of them, vſe cõmonly ſelling of Ale, oz biere: that thẽ theſaid Juſtices of peace, oz two of theim (wher of one to be of the *Quorum*) ſhall foz euery ſuche offence, committe euery ſuche perſone, oz perſones ſo offendyng, to the commue Gaole, within theſame Shiere, Citie, Bozough, toune cozpozate, fraunchelſe, oz libertie, ther to remaine without baille oz mainpzile, by the ſpace of .iij. daies And befoze his, oz their deliueraunce, theſaide Juſtices ſhall take recogniſaunce foz him, oz theim ſo committed, with two ſureties that he, oz they, ſhall not kepe any commune Ale houſe, Tipling houſe, oz vſe communely ſellyng of Ale, oz Biere, as by the diſcretion of theſayde Juſtices ſhalbe ſene cõuenient. And theſaid Juſtices ſhal make certificat of euery ſuche recogniſaunce, and offence, at the nexte quarter Seſſions that ſhalbe holden within theſame Shiere, Citie, Bozoughe, Towne cozpozate, fraunchelſe, oz libertie, where theſame ſhalbe committed, oz done. Whiche certificat ſhalbe a ſufficient conuiction in the law, of the ſame offence. And theſayde Juſtices of peace vpon theſaide certificat made, ſhall in open Seſſions aſſeſſe the fine foz euery ſuche offence, at twenty ſhyllynges.

Pzouided alwaie, that in ſuche townes and places, where any fayer, oz faiers ſhalbe kepte, that foz the time only of theſame fayer, oz faiers, it ſhalbe laufull foz euery perſone, and perſones, to vſe commune ſellyng of Ale, oz Biere, in Bouthes, oz other places there, foz the relief of the Kynges Subiectes, that ſhall repayze to theſame, in ſuche lyke maner, and ſozte, as hath bene vſed, and done, in tymes paſſed

This acte, oz any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, not withſtandyng.

¶ The.xxvi. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for writtes vpon proclamacions, and exigentes to be currauint within the countie Palantine of Lancastre.

WHere the Countie of Lancastre is, and of long tyme hath bene, one auncient Countie Palantine of it self, in whiche Countie the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not renne, so that the writte of proclamacion awarded vpon any exigend, against any persone or persones, inhabityng within thesame countie, in any actiō wherin processe of outlawry doth lie, according to the statute made in the sixth yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lorde of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, can not be directed to the Shiereke of thesayd countie Palantine, but vnto the Shiereke of the countie nexte adioynyng vnto thesayd Countie Palantine, so that the partie dwellyng within thesaid countie Palantine, against whome any suche exigende and proclamacion hath bene, or shalbe awarded, hath not had, nor hereafter can haue, any knowlege of thesame sute, or processe, by reason whereof many persones inhabityng within thesaid countie Palantine, without knowlege haue bene outlawed, and hereafter be in like maner like to be outlawed, to their vtter vndoynges, if some spedie remedie be not the sonер prouided.

Be it therefore and for diuers other good considerations enacted, or deined, and established, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that if, and whē soeuer any writte of exigend, at any time after the firste day of Aprill next cōming, shalbe awarded at the sute of the kyng, his heires, or successours, kinges of this realme, or at ꝑ sute or sutes of any other person or persones, plantiffe, or plantiues in any accion or sute, in any of the courtes of our said souereigne lord the kyng, his heires & successours, kynges of this Realme, commonly called the kynges Benche, and the common place, against any persone, or persones dwellyng within the said countie Palantine, that then ymmediatly vpon the awarding of euery suche exigend, the Justice, or Justices, before whome any suche writte of exigend vpon suche supte or action shalbe sued, shall haue ful power & aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to award one writte of proclamacion, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of writtes of proclamacion awarded vpon exigendes, and cōmonly directed out of any of the sayd courtes into London, or into any other Shieres of this Realme, against any persone, or persons, dwellyng in other Shiere or Shieres of this realme where the kynges writte doth renne, according to the order and fourme of thesayd statute, made in the sixth yere of the reigne of thesayd

of thesayd late kyng to be directed to the shiereke of thesayd countie pa-
latine of Lancastre, where it shall happen thesaide defendaunt against
whome any suche action shalbe sued as is aforesaide, to be dwellyng &
not to the Shiereke of any other Shiere next adioynyng to thesayde
countie palantine, any lawe custome, or vsage heretofore vsed to the co-
trary, notwithstandyng. And that euery suche writte of proclamation
so to be hereafter awarded to the Shiereke of thesaid countie Palatine,
shall haue thesame teste and day of retourne, as the exigendes whereu-
pon euery suche writte of proclamation shalbe awarded, shall haue.
And that euery suche Shiereke of thesaid countie Palantine of Lan-
castre, to whom any suche writte, and writtes of proclamation shalbe
directed, shall make proclamations of thesayde writte, and writtes of
proclamation, accordyng to the tenour of thesame, and shal make true
returnes of thesame, in suche courte and courtes, and before suche Ju-
stices, as the tenour of thesame writte, and writtes of proclamacions,
shall require, and demaunde. And that all outlawries hereafter to be
promulged, or pronounced against any persone or persones, vpon any
suche exigend, or exigendes awarded against any persone, or persones,
dwellyng in thesayde countie Palantine of Lancastre, and no writte
of proclamacions awarded in fourme aboue sayde, to the Shiereke of
thesayde countie Palantine of Lancastre, where the partie defendaunt
shalbe as is aforesaide dwellyng, or not returned, to be clerely voyde,
and of none effect nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesaid, that euery shie-
reke of thesayde countie Palantine for the time beyng, shal haue in eue
ry of thesayd courtes of the kinges benche, & of the cõmon place, one suf-
ficient deputie at the least, to receiue all suche writtes of proclamaciõs,
whiche shalbe hereafter directed to euery suche Shiereke of the sayde
countie Palãtine, for whom thesame depute or deputies shalbe apoin-
ted, in like maner and fourme, and vpon like paines as by the former
statutes and lawes of this realme, other Shiereues of other Shieres
or counties within this realme of Englande, be bounden to haue in ei-
ther of thesame courtes. And that al suche writtes of proclamations a-
foresaid, shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche deputie, or deputies, of re-
corde, in thesame courtes, & either of them, & also like fees shalbe paide
for makyng euery suche writtes of proclamations, and for enrollyng
thesame of recorde, as is limited in thesame statute, made in thesaid. vi
yere of our said late souereigne lorde kyng Henry the eight.

Be it further enacted, and established by thauctho*r*itie aforesaide,
that if any suche writte or writtes of proclamations, hereafter to be di-
rected to any Shiereke of thesaid coũtie Palantine of Lancastre, be de
liuered vnto any of the shierekes of thesaid coũtie palãtine for the time
being, or to his or their deputie, or deputies, in maner & fourme afore-
saide, & thesame shiereke or shierekes, do not make true returne of euery

ſuche writte and writtes, of proclamacions into ſuche courte, and courtes, out of which theſaid writte or writtes of proclamacions, ſhalbe awarded, that for euery ſuch default of non retourne euery, ſuche Shereſe for the tyme beyng, ſhall loſe and forfeicte. v. l. the one halfe whereof ſhalbe to our ſouereigne lord the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, & the other haulf thereof, to any ſuche perſone or perſones, as will ſue for theſame, in one action of debt to be grounded vpon this acte, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, wherein none eſſoyne, protection or waget of lawe ſhalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe extende, or be preiudiciall to theſame countie Palantine of Lancaſtre, for, or concernyng ſuche liberties, fraunchiſes or priuileges, as belonge to theſame, or to any miniſters or officers of the ſame countie Palantine otherwiſe, or in any other maner then by the true meanyng of this acte is before prouided and declared, any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary not withſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted and eſtabliſhed, by the aucthorities aforeſaide, that if any perſone or perſones, dwelling within theſayde countie Palantine, after the aforeſayd firſte day of Apryll, ſhalbe outlawed in any ſuche ſute or action, as is aforeſayd, that then all writtes of ſpeciall *Capias ut legatum*, ſingle *capias ut legatum, non moleſtandum*, & all other proceſſe, for, or againſt any perſone, or perſones, ſo outlawed, ſhall and may, from thencefurth be directed, from tyme, to tyme, to the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancaſtre, who ſhall make like writtes and proceſſe thereupon, and of like effecte, ſealed with the ſeale of theſayd countie Palantine of Lancaſtre, to be directed to the Shereſe of theſayd countie Palantyne, for the tyme beyng, as heretofore hath bene vſed, and accuſtomed in ſuche caſes.

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